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On Arnold's singularities of type B_k , C_k , F_4

Abstract. It is shown that using Tougeron's version of the Implicit Function Theorem (cf. [4]) the classification theorem of Arnold [1] can be completely proved.

1. Definitions. Let E_n denote the ring of germs at $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ of C^∞ -functions, $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and \mathfrak{m}_n the ideal consisting of all f with $f(0) = 0$. \mathfrak{m}_n is the unique maximal ideal in E_n and $\mathfrak{m}_n = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ the ideal generated by x_1, \dots, x_n (see [3]). Let L be a smooth submanifold of \mathbb{R}^n , $\dim L = n - 1$, and $0 \in L$.

Two germs $f, g \in \mathfrak{m}_n$ are called G_L -right equivalent if there exists a C^∞ -diffeomorphism $\Phi: (\mathbb{R}^n; 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$ such that $f = g \circ \Phi$ and $\Phi(L) = L$.

Notation: $f \stackrel{G_L}{\sim} g$.

We choose a local chart in $(\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$, $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ such that the submanifold L has a form $L = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n; x_1 = 0\}$. For $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ (such f is called a *singularity*), we define:

The G_L -right codimension of f , $\text{codim}_L(f) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{m}_n / I(f) - 1$, where the ideal $I(f)$ is defined as follows

$$I(f) = \left\langle x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right\rangle,$$

i.e., $I(f)$ is the ideal of E_n generated by $x_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$ and remaining partial derivatives of f (cf. for example [4]). The G_L -right codimension of f is equal to the codimension of the orbit of f in \mathfrak{m}_n^2 under the right-action of the group of all diffeomorphisms of $(\mathbb{R}^n, 0)$ preserving L . Examples: Direct computations gives us, $\text{codim}_L(\pm x_1^k + x_2^2) = k - 2$, $\text{codim}_L(x_1 x_2 \pm x_2^k) = k - 2$, $\text{codim}_L(\pm x_1^2 + x_2^3) = 2$.

The quotient space $J^k = E_n / \mathfrak{m}_n^{k+1}$ is called the *jet space*. Let j^k be the canonical projection $j^k: E_n \rightarrow J^k$. By $j^k f$ we denote the k -jet of the germ f . A germ f is called G_L -right determined by its k -jet or G_L - k determined if $j^k f = j^k g \Rightarrow f \stackrel{G_L}{\sim} g$ for all $g \in E_n$. Let $\text{det}_L(f)$ be the smallest integer such

that f is G_L -right determined by its k -jet. If no such integer exists we write $\det_L(f) = \infty$.

Let $F: M^k \times G_L^k \rightarrow M^k$, be a right C^∞ -action of the group of k -jets of diffeomorphisms belonging to G_L , acting on a C^∞ -manifold $M^k = \mathfrak{m}_n/\mathfrak{m}_n^{k+1} \subset J^k$. $F: (u, s) \rightarrow F(u, s) := j^k(f \circ g)$, where f and g are two representants of $u \in M^k$ and $s \in G_L^k$ respectively. For each open subset U of M^k we denote by $\eta(U)$ the number of G_L^k -orbits of this action which meets U (the intersection of the orbit and the set U is not empty). Let $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ and $\eta(f, k) := \inf_{U \ni j_k f} \eta(U)$. If there exists $K, N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $k \geq K$, $\eta(f, k) \leq N$, then f is called *simple*.

2. Right G_L -equivalence, simple singularities B_k, C_k, F_4 . First of all we have an important restriction.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *If $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^3$, where $n \geq 3$, then f is not simple.*

Proof. As we know $\eta(f, 3) = \infty$ for the group G of the germs of diffeomorphisms preserving zero (see e.g. [2]). The function $\eta(f, 3)$ for the group G_L is greater or equal than the function $\eta(f, 3)$ for the group G . Thus $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^3$, $n \geq 3$, is not simple.

For further considerations we assume that $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$. Let us consider the restriction of f to $L = \{x_1 = 0\}$, i.e., $\tilde{f}: (x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n)$. Let q denote the rank of the Hessian matrix $(\partial^2 \tilde{f} / \partial x_i \partial x_j(0))$, $2 \leq i, j \leq n$. As we know, one can diagonalize the Hessian to put \tilde{f} into the form, that $j^2 \tilde{f} = \sum_{i=n-q+1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i^2$, where ε_i is 1 or -1 .

PROPOSITION 2.2. *If $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ and q is as above, then there exists $\Phi \in G_L$ such that:*

$$f \circ \Phi = \zeta + \sum_{i=n-q+1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i^2,$$

where ζ has a representative which depends only on x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-q} , $1 \leq q \leq n-1$.

Proof. We can write $f = g + \sum_{i=n-q+1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i^2$ in some coordinate system, where $g \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ and $j^2 g$ is a quadratic form in the variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-q} . We treat $f_y(x) = f(y, x)$, $x = (x_{n-q+1}, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-q})$ as a function of x parametrized by y . x_0 is a critical point of f_{y_0} if and only if $df_{y_0}(x_0) = d_x f(y_0, x_0) = 0$, i.e., $d_x(g(y_0, x_0) + \sum_{i=n-q+1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i^2) = 0$. By the Implicit Function Theorem we can solve the last equation for x in terms of y , say $x = \varphi(y)$, near 0, $\varphi(0) = 0$. Hence, there exists a neighbourhood U of 0

in \mathbf{R}^{n-e} such that the critical point $(y, \varphi(y))$ of f_y is non-degenerated for $y \in U$.

Let $G_L \ni \Phi_1: (y, x) \rightarrow (Y, X) = (y, x - \varphi(y))$. Then, there exists a neighbourhood V of 0 in \mathbf{R}^n such that if $(Y, X) \in V$, then the only critical point of $f_y(\cdot) := f \circ \Phi_1^{-1}(y, \cdot)$ is at $x = 0$. Thus by Taylor's Theorem we have $f(y, x) = f(y, 0) + B(y, x) \cdot x^2$, where $B(y, x)$ is a bilinear form depending smoothly on (y, x) . By the generalized Morse Lemma we have a local diffeomorphism $\Phi_2, G_L \ni \Phi_2: (y, x) \rightarrow (Y, X) = (y, Q(y, x))$, such that $f(y, x) = f(Y, 0) + B(0, 0) \cdot X^2$. Thus taking ζ to be the germ of $Y \rightarrow f(Y, 0)$ we have the required result. ■

COROLLARY 2.3. *The germ ζ in Proposition 2.2 has the form:*

$$\zeta(x_1, \dots, x_{n-e}) = x_1 P(x_1, \dots, x_{n-e}) + Q(x_2, \dots, x_{n-e}),$$

where $P \in \mathfrak{m}_{n-e}, Q \in \mathfrak{m}_{n-e-1}^3$.

DEFINITION 2.4. A germ $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ is said to be *stable G_L -equivalent to the germ $\zeta \in \mathfrak{m}_{n-e}^2$* if there exists $\Phi \in G_L$ such that

$$f \circ \Phi = \zeta + \sum_{i=n-e+1}^n \varepsilon_i x_i^2, \quad \varepsilon_i = \pm 1.$$

THEOREM 2.5 ([1]). *The complete list of simple singularities up to the stable G_L -equivalence is as follows:*

$$B_k^\pm: f = \pm x_1^k + x_2^2 \quad (k \geq 2),$$

$$C_k^\pm: f = x_1 x_2 \pm x_2^k,$$

$$F_4^\pm: f = \pm x_1^2 + x_2^3.$$

Before we proceed to the proof of this theorem we will prove a few results:

LEMMA 2.6. *Let Q be the quadratic form, $Q(y) = \sum_{i=n-e+1}^n \varepsilon_i y_i^2$ and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-e}), y = (y_{n-e+1}, \dots, y_n)$. The germ $f(x) + Q(y) \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ is simple if and only if $f \in \mathfrak{m}_{n-e}^2$ is simple.*

Proof. (A) Let $k \geq 3$. At the first step we show the following equivalence

$$f(x) + Q(y) \in (g(x) + Q(y))G_L^k \Leftrightarrow f \in gG_{\pi(L)}^k,$$

where π is the projection, $\pi: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n-e}, g \in \mathfrak{m}_{n-e}^2$.

We prove “ \Rightarrow ” only, because “ \Leftarrow ” is trivial.

By the assumption, there exists a diffeomorphism $\Phi \in G_L$ such that

$$(i) \quad j^k(f + Q) = j^k((g + Q) \circ \Phi),$$

$\Phi: (x, y) \rightarrow (X(x, y), Y(x, y)) = (A_1 x + A_2 y \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_n^2}, B_1 x + B_2 y \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_n^2}),$

where A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 are the matrices.

On the basis of (i) and Corollary 2.3

$$(x_1 P_1(x) + Q(y)) \pmod{m_n^3} = (x_1 P_2(X(x, y)) + Q(Y(x, y))) \pmod{m_n^3}.$$

From this relation it follows that

$$B_2 = I \text{ (identity)}, \quad B_1 = (b_{ij}), \quad b_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{if } j \neq 1.$$

$\Phi \in G_L$ implies: $A_1 = (a_{ij}^1)$, $a_{1j}^1 = 0$, $2 \leq j \leq n - \varrho$; $A_2 = (a_{ij}^2)$, $a_{ij}^2 = 0$, $1 \leq j \leq \varrho$. Now we solve the following equation:

$$Q(Y(\cdot, \varphi(\cdot))) - Q(\varphi(\cdot)) = 0, \quad \varphi: \mathbb{R}^{n-e} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^e.$$

After the substitution $Y(x, y) = y + \beta(x, y)$, $\beta(x, y) = B_1 x \pmod{m_n^2}$ we get

$$\sum_{i=n-\varrho+1}^n \varepsilon_i \beta_i(x, y) (2y_i + \beta_i(x, y)) = 0, \quad \beta = (\beta_{n-\varrho+1}, \dots, \beta_n).$$

Thus, in the end, we obtain the equation $2\varphi(\cdot) + \beta(\cdot, \varphi(\cdot)) = 0$, which satisfies the assumptions of the Implicit Function Theorem. In some neighbourhood of $0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n-e}$, $Q(Y(x, \varphi(x))) = Q(\varphi(x))$.

Let $h(x) := g(X(x, \varphi(x)))$, so we have: $j^k f = j^k h$. It is easily seen that $\mathbb{R}^{n-e} \ni x \rightarrow X(x, \varphi(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-e}$ belongs to $G_{\pi(L)}$.

(B) As we know (see e.g. [4]) the tangent space to the G_L^k -orbit of $\sigma = j^k \eta \in J^k$ has a form

$$T_\sigma(\sigma G_L^k) = j^k J(\eta),$$

where

$$J(\eta) = \left\langle x_1 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_1} \right\rangle + m_n \left\langle \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_n} \right\rangle.$$

We denote $W = \{\eta \in m_n^2: \eta(x, 0) = 0\}$. It is easy to see that $W \subset J(f+Q)$. In this way the space $V \subset m_n^2/m_n^{k+1}$ generated by all monomials of variables $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-\varrho})$ is complementary to $j^k J(f+Q)$ in m_n^2/m_n^{k+1} . Therefore $V' := j^k(f+Q) + V$ is transversal to the orbit $(f+Q)G_L^k$.

Let \mathcal{C} be an open neighbourhood of $(f+Q)$ in m_n^2 such that, for every η in \mathcal{C} , $(D_y^2 \eta)|_0 \neq 0$. So, for every $\eta \in \mathcal{C}$ we have $J(\eta) \supset W$, i.e., every orbit in J^k intersecting $j^k \mathcal{C}$ is transversal to V' . Now we are ready to construct the following mapping $H: V' \rightarrow m_{n-\varrho}^2/m_{n-\varrho}^{k+1}$, $H(j^k(f+Q) + \sigma) := j^k f + \sigma$, H is an isomorphism, $DH = \text{id}$. If $f+Q$ is simple, then f is simple because $\eta(f+Q, k) < \infty$ implies $\eta(f, k) < \infty$ by isomorphism H . The converse is true by the same argument and transversality of all orbits in $j^k \mathcal{C}$ to V' , q.e.d.

PROPOSITION 2.7. *Let $f \in m_n^2$ and $L = \{x_1 = 0\}$; then: if f is simple, then there exists $\Phi \in G_L$ such that $f \circ \Phi = g(x_1, x_2) + Q$ and $g \in m_2^2 \setminus m_2^3$, Q is non-degenerated quadratic form in the remaining variables x_3, \dots, x_n .*

Proof. At three steps.

Let $\text{corank } f|_{x_1=0} = 2$; then on the basis of Proposition 2.2 there exists $\Phi' \in G_L$ that $f \circ \Phi' = g'(x_1, x_2, x_3) + Q$, and $g'(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 P(x_1, x_2, x_3) + \varrho(x_2, x_3)$, $\varrho \in \mathfrak{m}_2^3$, $P \in \mathfrak{m}_3$. Proposition 2.1 excludes the case $P \in \mathfrak{m}_3^2$. Hence we have the two forms to which g' can be reduced: either

$$(i) \quad x_1 x_2 + \varrho_1(x_2, x_3), \quad \varrho_1 \in \mathfrak{m}_2^3,$$

or

$$(ii) \quad x_1^2 + \varrho_2(x_1, x_2, x_3), \quad \varrho_2 \in \mathfrak{m}_3^3.$$

Step A. Let us consider case (i).

One can notice that (i) reduces to the form

$$(iii) \quad f_1 = x_1 x_2 + \alpha x_2^3 + \beta x_2^2 x_3 + \gamma x_3^3 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^4}.$$

So, we confine our considerations to such germs and show that at every open neighbourhood of (iii) there exists the germ

$$(iv) \quad f_2 = x_1 x_2 + \alpha' x_2^3 + \beta' x_2^2 x_3 + \gamma' x_3^3 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^4},$$

which is not equivalent to (iii):

Let us take

$$p: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (x_1(1 + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^3}, \\ x_2 + b_1 x_1^2 + b_2 x_2^2 + b_3 x_3^2 + b_4 x_1 x_2 + b_5 x_1 x_3 + b_6 x_2 x_3 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^3}, \\ c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + c_3 x_3 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^2}).$$

It is easy to verify that the condition $f_1 \circ p = f_2$ gives the following necessary conditions on the coefficients of the diffeomorphism p , $\gamma c_2 = 0$, $\alpha + \beta c_2 = \alpha'$, $\beta c_3 = \beta'$, $\gamma c_3^3 = \gamma'$, where $c_3 \neq 0$. By the first condition we have two possibilities:

(a) $\gamma = 0$ then the neighbouring germ: $\alpha' = \alpha$, $\beta' = \beta$, $\gamma' \neq 0$ is not equivalent to f_1 .

(b) $c_2 = 0$, then it suffices to take $\gamma' = \gamma$, $\beta' = \beta$ and α neighbouring to α' . In this case the germ f_2 is not equivalent to f_1 .

Step B. For case (ii) we consider the following subspace of \mathfrak{m}_3^2 : $V = \{b x_1^2 + \sum_{i+j+k=3} x_1^i x_2^j x_3^k a_{ijk}\} \subset J^3$. It is easy to see that the orbits of G_L^2 intersect V along the submanifolds of codimension ≥ 1 and these submanifolds can be parametrized by $d, a_i, b_i, c_i, i = 1, 2, 3$, provided with the diffeomorphisms preserving V :

$$G_L \ni \Phi_{(d, \bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c})}: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rightarrow (x_1(d + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^3}, \\ b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^3}, c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + c_3 x_3 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}_3^3}).$$

Thus their dimensions are not greater than 10. On the other hand, $\dim V = 11$, so these facts prove non-simplicity of (ii).

Step C. In the previous steps we proved that: if $f \in \mathfrak{m}_n^2$ is simple, then f is equivalent to $g(x_1, x_2) + Q$.

Let $g \in \mathfrak{m}_2^3$, we consider the right action: $\mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4 \times G_L \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4$. It is easy to see that every open subset of $\mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4$ intersects infinitely many orbits, namely: The above defined action reduces to the action $\mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4 \times G_L^1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4$, because for every $g \in \mathfrak{m}_2^3$ and $\Phi \in G_L$ $j^3(g \circ \Phi) = j^3 g \cdot j^1 \Phi$. As we know $\dim G_L^1 = 3$, and $\dim \mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4 = 4$. Hence, every orbit of G_L^1 in $\mathfrak{m}_2^3/\mathfrak{m}_2^4$ has the codimension ≥ 1 , q.e.d.

On the basis of Proposition 2.7 we are interested in germs depending only in two variables.

COROLLARY 2.8. *The set of non-simple germs in \mathfrak{m}_2^2 has the codimension 3.*

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.5.

LEMMA 2.9. *If $f \in \mathfrak{m}_2^2$, $\text{corank } f|_{x_1=0} = 0$ and f is simple, then there exists $\Phi \in G_L$ such that: $f \circ \Phi = \pm x_1^k \pm x_2^2$, $k \geq 2$.*

These singularities are denoted by B_k (according to Arnold [1]).

PROOF. At first we shall show that the k -jets $\pm x_1^k \pm x_2^2$ are sufficient. As is well known (e.g. [4]) the sufficient condition for the k -determinacy as follows

$$(*) \quad \mathfrak{m}^{k+1} \subset \mathfrak{m}J(f) \Rightarrow f \text{ is } k\text{-determined.}$$

In our case $J(\pm x_1^k \pm x_2^2) = \langle x_1^k \rangle E + \mathfrak{m} \langle x_2 \rangle$. For proving (*) we must verify that for every monomial $x_1^i x_2^j$, $i+j = k+1$ there is a decomposition: $x_1^i x_2^j = x_1^k h_1 + x_2 h_2$, $h_1 \in \mathfrak{m}$, $h_2 \in \mathfrak{m}^2$. It is true because for $i < k$, $i = k$, $i = k+1$ we can take respectively $h_1 = 0$, $h_2 = x_1^i x_2^{j-1}$; $h_1 = x_2$, $h_2 = 0$; $h_1 = x_1$, $h_2 = 0$.

If $\text{corank } f|_{x_1=0} = 0$ we can reduce f to the form

$$f = x_1 P_1(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2, \quad P_1(x_1, x_2) = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^2}.$$

Let us consider the following cases:

1° $a_1 \neq 0$, $a_1 \mp \frac{1}{4} a_2^2 \neq 0$, then

$$a_1 x_1^2 + a_2 x_1 x_2 \pm x_2^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^3} = \pm (x_2 \pm \frac{1}{2} a_2 x_1)^2 + (a_1 \mp \frac{1}{4} a_2^2) x_1^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^3}$$

is equivalent to $\pm x_2^2 \pm x_1^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^3} \in B_2$.

2° $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 \neq 0$, then

$$a_2 x_1 x_2 \pm x_2^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^3} = \pm (x_2 \pm \frac{1}{2} a_2 x_1)^2 \mp \frac{1}{4} a_2^2 x_1^2 \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^3} \in B_2.$$

3° $a_1 \neq 0$, $a_1 \mp \frac{1}{4} a_2^2 = 0$ and $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 = 0$, then

$$x_1 P_1(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2 \sim x_1 P_2(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2, \quad P_2 \in \mathfrak{m}^2 \quad (\sim, \text{equivalency}).$$

Let $P_2(x_1, x_2) = b_1 x_1^2 + x_2 Q_1(x_1, x_2) \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^3}$ and

$$b_1 \neq 0;$$

then

$$x_1 P_2(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2 = b_1 x_1^3 \pm (x_2 \pm \frac{1}{2} x_1 Q_1)^2 \pmod{m^4} \in B_3;$$

$$b_1 = 0;$$

then

$$x_1 P_2(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2 \sim x_1 P_3(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2,$$

$$\text{where } P_3 \in m^3, P_3(x_1, x_2) = b_2 x_1^3 + x_2 Q_2(x_1, x_2) \pmod{m^4}.$$

If $b_2 \neq 0$, then $x_1 P_3 \pm x_2^2 \in B_4$.

If $b_2 = 0, b_3 = 0, \dots, b_{k-1} \neq 0$, then $x_1 P_k(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^2 \in B_{k+1}$.

Thus we obtain the singularities of type B_k .

COROLLARY 2.10. *The codimension of the singularity B_k in m^2 is equal to $k-2$.*

If $\text{corank } f|_{x_1} = 1$, then, by Proposition 2.7, $f \in m_2^2 \setminus m_2^3$ and we can reduce f to the form:

$$f = x_1 P(x_1, x_2) \pm x_2^k, \quad k \geq 3, \quad \text{where } P \in m_2^1 \setminus m_2^2.$$

There are two cases for $P(x_1, x_2) = a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + (\text{mod } m_2^2)$,

(a)
$$a_1 = 0.$$

It is easy to see that the k -jet $x_1 x_2 \pm x_2^k$ is sufficient. Thus we have the singularities of type C_k .

(b)
$$a_2 = 0.$$

In this case f is equivalent to such germ that the k -jet of f has the form

(*)
$$\pm x_1^2 + x_1 \sum_{i=2}^{k-2} c_i x_2^i \pm x_2^k.$$

It is easy to verify that this jet is k -determined. By the calculation method of Arnold [2] we see that germ (*) is not simple for $k \geq 4$, namely the equation

(**)
$$\begin{aligned} & (\pm 2x_1^2 + x_1 \sum_{i=2}^{k-2} c_i x_2^i) h_1 + \\ & + (x_1 \sum_{i=1}^{k-3} (i+1) x_2^i c_{i+1} \pm k x_2^{k-1}) h_2 = x_1 x_2^2 \pmod{m^{k+1}} \end{aligned}$$

has no solutions for $h_1, h_2 \in m$ if we assume the existence of the solutions h_1 and $h_2(x_1, x_2) = A_1 x_1 + A_2 x_2 \pmod{m^2}$, then by simple calculations on (**) we get the contradiction:

$$2c_2 A_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \pm k A_2 = 0.$$

Hence, in case (b) the only simple singularity is $F_4: \pm x_1^2 + x_2^3$, q.e.d.

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