

## 148. Differential Forms of the Second Kind on Algebraic Varieties with Certain Imperfect Ground Fields<sup>\*)</sup>

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1. Let  $V$  be an irreducible projective variety of dimension  $r$  defined over a field  $k$  of characteristic  $p \neq 0$ . We assume that the field  $K$  of rational functions of  $V$  over  $k$  is a regular extension of  $k$ . A subvariety  $W$  of  $V/k$  will mean a subvariety which is defined and irreducible over  $k$ ; the local ring of  $W$  on  $V/k$  will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{o}_W$ , and the integral closure of  $\mathfrak{o}_W$  in  $K$  by  $\bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ . A subvariety  $W$  of  $V/k$  is simple (over  $k$ ) if and only if the local ring  $\mathfrak{o}_W$  is regular.

We shall consider derivations and differential forms of  $K$  over  $k^p$  or, equivalently, over  $K^p$ . (They need not necessarily be trivial on  $k$ .) The exterior differential  $d\omega$  of a differential form  $\omega$  of  $K$  is therefore to be understood also in that sense. We have  $d(z^p\omega) = z^p d\omega$ ,  $z \in K$ . Following the usual definition (in [3]) we define holomorphic differential forms and derivations as follows. A derivation  $\partial$  of  $K$  is *holomorphic at a subvariety  $W$*  of  $V/k$  if  $\partial \bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W \subseteq \bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ . A differential form  $\omega$  of  $K$  of degree  $q$  is *holomorphic at  $W$*  if  $\omega(\partial_1, \dots, \partial_q) \in \bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$  for all derivations  $\partial_1, \dots, \partial_q$  which are holomorphic at  $W$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{D}_1(V)$  the  $k$ -vector space of all differential forms of  $K$  of degree 1 which are holomorphic at every subvariety of  $V/k$ . A differential form  $\omega$  of  $K$  of degree  $q$  is *of the second kind at a subvariety  $W$*  if  $\omega - d\theta_W$  is holomorphic at  $W$  with a suitable differential form  $\theta_W$  of degree  $q-1$ . If  $\omega$  is of the second kind at  $W$ , then  $a^p\omega$  with  $a \in k$  is also of the second kind at  $W$ . In fact, if  $\omega - d\theta$  is holomorphic at  $W$ , then  $a^p\omega - d(a^p\theta) = a^p(\omega - d\theta)$  is holomorphic at  $W$  since  $a^p \in \bar{\mathfrak{o}}_W$ . All *closed* differential forms of  $K$  of degree 1 which are of the second kind at every subvariety of  $V/k$  form therefore a  $k^p$ -vector space  $\mathcal{D}_2(V)$ , and the set  $\mathcal{D}_e(V)$  of differentials  $dz$  ( $z \in K$ ) is a  $k^p$ -vector subspace of  $\mathcal{D}_2(V)$ . The purpose of the present note is to show that the dimension over  $k^p$  of the factor space  $\mathcal{D}_2(V)/\mathcal{D}_e(V)$  equals the dimension over  $k$  of the space  $\mathcal{D}_1(V)$  under the assumption  $[k:k^p] < \infty$ . In the case where  $k$  is perfect, our result implies the known equality  $\dim_k \mathcal{D}_2(V)/\mathcal{D}_e(V) = \dim_k \mathcal{D}_1(V)$ , which we have shown in [1]

<sup>\*)</sup> After the completion of this paper, the author found that the same result had been obtained in a more general form by E. Kunz in "Einige Anwendungen des Cartier-Operators", Arch. d. Math., **13**, 349-356 (1962). However, our treatment, using derivations and *uniformization* of relatively simple points introduced by Zariski-Falb [4], is essentially different from that of Kunz.

with the universal domain  $k$ . (In [1],  $k$  was assumed to be the universal domain, but it is easy to see that  $k$  needs only to be perfect; then all the arguments of [1] remain valid.)

2. We assume that  $[k : k^p] < \infty$  and put  $[k : k^p] = p^\rho$ . We first recall the definition and results on uniformizing coordinates in [4] under our assumption.

The elements  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r} \in K$  are *uniformizing coordinates* of a subvariety  $W$  if  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r} \in \mathfrak{o}_W$  and there exist  $\rho+r$  derivations  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i}$  of  $K$ , holomorphic at  $W$ , such that  $\partial_i \xi_j = \delta_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq \rho+r$ ). If  $W$  is simple on  $V/k$ , then there exist uniformizing coordinates, say,  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}$  of  $W$ ; every derivation  $\partial$  of  $K$  is written uniquely as  $\partial = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \rho+r} z_i \partial_i$  with  $z_i \in K$ , and  $\partial$  is holomorphic at  $W$  if and only if  $z_i \in \mathfrak{o}_W$  ( $1 \leq i \leq \rho+r$ ); every differential form  $\omega$  of  $K$  of degree  $q$  is written uniquely as  $\omega = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_q \leq \rho+r} z_{i_1 \dots i_q} d\xi_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\xi_{i_q}$  with  $z_{i_1 \dots i_q} \in K$ , and  $\omega$  is holomorphic at  $W$  if and only if  $z_{i_1 \dots i_q} \in \mathfrak{o}_W$  ( $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_q \leq \rho+r$ ); moreover it can be seen that  $K = K^p(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r})$  and  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}\}$  is a  $p$ -basis of  $K/K^p$ .

The following two propositions are generalizations of the results in [3]; the details of the proof will be omitted since the proof in [3] can be transferred almost literally to our cases. A normal subvariety  $W$  of  $V/k$  of codimension 1 gives rise to a discrete valuation of rank 1 of the field  $K$  over  $k$  which will be denoted by  $v_W$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Assume that the variety  $V/k$  is normal. Let  $\omega$  be a differential form of  $K$  of degree  $\rho+r$ ,  $\omega \neq 0$ . Then we have  $v_W(\omega) = 0$  for all but a finite number of subvarieties  $W$  of codimension 1.*

To prove this proposition, we may replace the variety  $V$  by its affine representative  $V_a$ . Let  $k[x_1, \dots, x_N]$  be the coordinate ring of  $V_a$  with a separating transcendence basis  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$  of  $K/k$ , and let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_\rho\}$  be a  $p$ -basis of  $k/k^p$ . Then it will be easily shown that  $u_1, \dots, u_\rho, x_1, \dots, x_r$  are uniformizing coordinates of all but a finite number of subvarieties  $W$  of codimension 1 of  $V/k$ . Let  $\omega = A du_1 \wedge \dots \wedge du_\rho \wedge dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_r$  with  $A \in K$ . Then  $v_W(\omega) = v_W(A)$  for all but a finite number of subvarieties  $W$  of codimension 1, which proves Proposition 1.

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Assume that the variety  $V/k$  is normal. Then we have  $\dim_k \mathcal{D}_1(V) < \infty$ .*

To prove this, let  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}\}$  be a  $p$ -basis of  $K/K^p$ . Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  be the set of subvarieties  $W$  of codimension 1 such that  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}$  are not uniformizing coordinates of  $W$ . With the help of Proposition 1, it will be seen that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a finite set. Let  $\mathfrak{a} = \{W_1, \dots, W_h\}$ . Then we can find integers  $s_i = s(W_i) \leq 0$  ( $1 \leq i \leq h$ ) such that  $(z_i) + Z \geq 0$  for every

$\omega = z_1 d\xi_1 + \dots + z_{\rho+r} d\xi_{\rho+r} \in \mathcal{D}_1(V)$ , where  $Z = - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \rho} s_i W_i$ . The  $k$ -linear mapping  $\mathcal{D}_1(V) \ni \omega = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \rho+r} z_i d\xi_i \rightarrow (z_1, \dots, z_{\rho+r}) \in \prod L(Z)$  is injective, where  $L(Z) = \{z \in K \mid (z) + Z \geq 0\}$ .  $L(Z)$  is of finite dimension over  $k$ , since  $K/k$  is a regular extension. (Cf. [5], p. 357.) It follows therefore that  $\dim_k \mathcal{D}_1(V) < \infty$ .

3. Let  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}\}$  be a  $p$ -basis of  $K/K^p$ . Then a closed differential form  $\omega$  of  $K$  of degree  $q \geq 1$  is written uniquely in the form  $\omega = d\theta + \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q} z_{i_1 \dots i_q}^p \xi_{i_1}^{p-1} d\xi_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \xi_{i_q}^{p-1} d\xi_{i_q}$  with  $z_{i_1 \dots i_q} \in K$ , and the differential form  $C\omega$  of  $K$  is defined by the formula

$$(1) \quad C\omega = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q} z_{i_1 \dots i_q} d\xi_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\xi_{i_q}.$$

If  $\omega$  is of degree 1, (1) is equivalent to the formula

$$(2) \quad (C\omega(\partial))^p = \omega(\partial^p) - \partial^{p-1}(\omega(\partial)) \quad \text{for any derivation } \partial \text{ of } K.$$

$C$  is  $p^{-1}$ -semi-linear in the sense

$$C(\omega + \omega') = C\omega + C\omega', \quad C(z^p \omega) = zC\omega, \quad z \in K;$$

$C\omega = 0$  if and only if  $\omega$  is exact. (Cf. Cartier [2].)

**PROPOSITION 3.** *Let  $\omega$  be a closed differential form of  $K$  of degree 1. If  $\omega$  is of the second kind at a subvariety  $W$  of  $V/k$ , then  $C\omega$  is holomorphic at  $W$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\theta = \omega - d f$  be holomorphic at  $W$ . Take any derivation  $\partial$  of  $K$  with  $\partial \bar{v}_W \subseteq \bar{v}_W$ ; then we have  $(C\omega(\partial))^p = \partial(\theta^p) - \partial^{p-1}(\theta(\partial)) \in \bar{v}_W$  by (2), since  $\theta$  is holomorphic at  $W$ . Since  $\bar{v}_W$  is integrally closed in  $K$  and since  $C\theta(\partial) \in K$ , we have  $C\theta(\partial) \in \bar{v}_W$ . Thus  $C\omega = C\theta$  is holomorphic at  $W$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $\omega$  be a closed differential form of degree  $q \geq 1$  of  $K$ . If  $C\omega$  is holomorphic at a simple subvariety  $W$  of  $V/k$ , then  $\omega$  is of the second kind at  $W$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}\}$  be a set of uniformizing coordinates of  $W$  on  $V/k$ . Then, since  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{\rho+r}\}$  is a  $p$ -basis of  $K/K^p$ ,  $\omega$  is of the form  $\omega = d\theta + \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q} z_{i_1 \dots i_q}^p \xi_{i_1}^{p-1} d\xi_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \xi_{i_q}^{p-1} d\xi_{i_q}$ , and we have  $C\omega = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_q} z_{i_1 \dots i_q} d\xi_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\xi_{i_q}$ . If  $C\omega$  is holomorphic at  $W$ , then we have  $z_{i_1 \dots i_q} \in \bar{v}_W$  and so  $z_{i_1 \dots i_q}^p \xi_{i_1}^{p-1} \dots \xi_{i_q}^{p-1} \in \bar{v}_W$ , which implies that  $\omega - d\theta$  is holomorphic at  $W$ . This completes the proof.

From Propositions 1 and 2 follows immediately

**THEOREM.** *Let  $V$  be an irreducible projective variety defined over a field  $k$  of prime characteristic  $p$ , and assume that the field of rational functions on  $V$  over  $k$  is a regular extension of  $k$ . If  $V/k$  is non-singular and  $[k:k^p] < \infty$ , then  $\omega \rightarrow C\omega$  induces a  $p^{-1}$ -semi-linear bijective mapping of the  $k^p$ -space  $\mathcal{D}_2(V)/\mathcal{D}_e(V)$  onto the  $k$ -space  $\mathcal{D}_1(V)$ ; especially we have  $\dim_{k^p} \mathcal{D}_2(V)/\mathcal{D}_e(V) = \dim_k \mathcal{D}_1(V)$ .*

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