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# The fundamental group of an algebraic link <sup>☆</sup>

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## Abstract

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## Résumé

**Le groupe fondamental d'un entrelacs algébrique.** On calcule le groupe fondamental d'un entrelacs algébrique. *Pour citer cet article : O. Neto, P.C. Silva, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 340 (2005).*

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## Version française abrégée

Soit  $Y$  un germe d'une courbe plane en un point  $o$  et  $Y_d$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq r$ , ses composantes irréductibles. On choisit un système local de coordonnées  $(x, y)$  dans un polydisque ouvert  $X$  centré en  $o$  tel que le cône tangent de  $Y$  soit transversal à  $\{x = 0\}$ . Soit  $y = \sum_{\varepsilon} a_{d,\varepsilon} x^{\varepsilon}$  le développement de Puiseux de  $Y_d$ , où  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , et  $a_{d,\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{C}$ . On va associer à  $Y$  un arbre  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  dont l'ensemble des sommets est noté  $\mathcal{V}_Y$ . On utilise la terminologie généalogique. Étant donnés  $1 \leq d, e \leq r$  et  $\varepsilon$  un nombre rationnel non négatif, on identifie  $(d, \varepsilon)$  avec  $(e, \varepsilon)$  si  $a_{d,\nu} = a_{e,\nu}$  pour  $\nu \in \mathbb{Q}$  et  $0 \leq \nu \leq \varepsilon$ . On dit que (une classe)  $(d, \varepsilon)$  est un *sommet de  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  avec un exposant  $\varepsilon$*  si  $\varepsilon = 0$  ou si  $\varepsilon$  est un exposant caractéristique de Puiseux de  $Y_d$  ou s'il existe  $e \neq d$  tel que  $a_{d,\delta} = a_{e,\delta}$  pour  $\delta < \varepsilon$  et  $a_{d,\varepsilon} \neq a_{e,\varepsilon}$ . On appelle  $\phi = (d, 0)$  la *racine* de  $\mathcal{E}_Y$ . On dit que  $w = (d, \delta)$  est un *fil* de  $v = (d, \varepsilon)$  ( $w > v$ ) si  $\delta > \varepsilon$  avec  $\delta$  minimal. On dit que  $(d, \varepsilon)$  est une *tige* si  $a_{d,\varepsilon} = 0$ . On associe à chaque sommet  $v = (d, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{V}_Y$ , non terminal, la branche

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$Y_v = \{y = \sum_{v < \delta} a_{d,v} x^v\}$  où  $w = (d, \delta)$  est un fils quelconque de  $v$ . Si  $v$  est terminal on lui associe la branche  $Y_v = Y_d$ . Étant donné  $0 < \eta \ll 1$  soit  $K_v = Y_v \cap (\{x : |x| = \eta\} \times \mathbb{C})$  le nœud de  $Y_v$ .

**Lemme 0.1.** *On peut trouver  $\eta > 0$  et des voisinages fermés  $N_v$  de  $K_v$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{V}_Y$ , tels que  $N_w \subset \text{int}(N_v \setminus K_v)$  si  $v < w$  et  $N_v \cap N_w = \emptyset$  si  $v \not< w$  et  $w \not< v$ .*

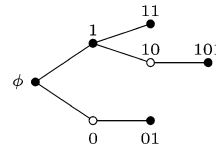
On dit que le système de voisinages  $(N_v)$  vérifiant les conditions ci-dessus est un système torique pour  $Y$ . On appelle méridien standard et parallèle standard de  $N_v$  une paire de courbes  $\alpha_v$  et  $\beta_v$  sur  $\partial N_v$  telles que  $\alpha_v, \beta_v$  soient homéomorphes à  $S^1$ ,  $\alpha_v \sim 0$ ,  $\beta_v \sim K_v$  dans  $H_1(N_v)$ ,  $\ell(\alpha_v, K_v) = 1$  et  $\ell(\beta_v, K_v) = 0$ . Ici  $\ell(\cdot, \cdot)$  désigne le nombre d’entrelacements dans une sphère d’homologie de dimension trois convenable. Si  $v$  est non terminal on dénote par  $v_1, \dots, v_{b_v}$  les fils de  $v$  qui ne sont pas des tiges, convenablement ordonnés. Ils existent des entiers positifs  $\mu_v$  et  $\nu_v$ , premiers entre eux, tels que  $K_{v_i} \sim \mu_v \alpha_v + \nu_v \beta_v$  dans  $H_1(N_v \setminus K_v)$ . Les valeurs de  $\mu_v$  et de  $\nu_v$  correspondent, respectivement, à la multiplicité d’intersection et « l’indice de ramification » de  $Y_v$  et  $Y_{v_i}$ . Soient  $r_v, s_v$  des nombres entiers tels que  $r_v \mu_v = s_v \nu_v + 1$ .

**Théorème 0.2.** *Pour chaque germe de courbe plane  $Y$ , le groupe fondamental local de  $Y$  est présenté par les générateurs  $\alpha_v, \beta_v$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{V}_Y$ , et les relations  $\beta_\phi = 1$ ,  $[\alpha_v, \beta_v] = 1$  pour tous  $v$ , (1)–(3) et (4).*

**Exemple 1.** Soient  $\rho = p/q > 3/2$  un nombre rationnel tel que  $\text{pgcd}(p, q) = 1$  et  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ :  $rp = sq + 1$ . Soient  $Y$  une courbe plane et  $Y_{11}, Y_{101}, Y_{01}$  ses composantes irréductibles données, respectivement, par les développements de Puiseux  $y = x^{3/2} + x^{7/4}$ ,  $y = x^{3/2} + x^{5/2}$  et  $y = x^\rho$ . On représente les sommets de  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  qui correspondent à des tiges par des cercles blancs et les restant par des cercles noirs.

Avec les notations évidentes on a  $\varepsilon_\phi = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_1 = 3/2$ ,  $\varepsilon_{11} = \varepsilon_{10} = 7/4$ ,  $\varepsilon_{101} = 5/2$ ,  $\varepsilon_{01} = \rho$ ,  $(\mu_\phi, \nu_\phi) = (3, 2)$ ,  $(\mu_0, \nu_0) = (p, q)$ ,  $(\mu_1, \nu_1) = (13, 2)$  et  $(\mu_{1,0}, \nu_{1,0}) = (8, 1)$ . Par le Théorème 0.2 le groupe fondamental local de  $Y$  est présenté par  $\alpha_v, \beta_v$ ,  $v \in \{\phi, 1, 0, 11, 10, 01, 101\}$ , vérifiant les relations  $\beta_\phi = 1$ ,  $[\alpha_v, \beta_v] = 1$  pour tous  $v$ , et les relations associées à chaque sommet non terminal de l’arbre  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  ci-dessous :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \quad & \alpha_\phi^3 \beta_\phi^2 = \alpha_1^6 \beta_1 = \alpha_0^3 \beta_0^2, & \alpha_1 \alpha_\phi \beta_\phi &= \alpha_0 \beta_0, \\ 0 : \quad & \alpha_0^p \beta_0^q = \alpha_{01}^{pq} \beta_{01}, & (\alpha_{01} \alpha_0^s \beta_0^r)^q &= (\alpha_0^p \beta_0^q)^r, \\ 1 : \quad & \alpha_1^{13} \beta_1^2 = \alpha_{11}^{26} \beta_{11} = \alpha_{10}^{13} \beta_{10}^2, & \alpha_{11} \alpha_1^6 \beta_1 &= \alpha_{10}^6 \beta_{10}, \\ 10 : \quad & \alpha_{10}^8 \beta_{10} = \alpha_{101}^8 \beta_{101}, & \alpha_{101} \alpha_{10}^7 \beta_{10} &= \alpha_{10}^8 \beta_{10}. \end{aligned}$$



**1. Introduction and definitions**

In this Note we generalize the results of Zariski, Kashiwara and Lê [8,3,4] on the computation of the local fundamental group of a plane curve. Ausina’s algorithm [1] works in a more general framework but in order to generalize the results of [7] (see also [6]) we need a closed form presentation of the local fundamental group. Our computation of the fundamental group relies on a tree similar to Eggers’s tree and on a decomposition that is related with the minimal Waldhausen decomposition of the 3-sphere adapted to the link of the curve (see [5]).

Throughout this Note we shall use Deligne’s convention on the composition of paths, i.e., in  $\alpha\beta$ , we move along  $\beta$  in the first place. Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rooted tree with root  $\phi$ . We say that a vertex  $w$  is a child of a vertex  $v$  ( $w > v$ ) if  $w$  is connected to  $v$  by an edge and the path that connects  $w$  to  $\phi$  contains  $v$ . We will use freely the usual genealogical terminology. We define an order in the set  $\mathcal{V}$  of vertices of  $\mathcal{E}$  setting  $o(\phi) = 0$  and  $o(w) = o(v) + 1$  if  $w > v$ . We choose at most a child of each vertex  $v$  and call it a shaft of  $v$ . We call the number  $b_v$  of children of  $v$  that are not shafts, the bifurcation index at  $v$ .

Consider a germ  $Y$  at some point  $o$  of a plane curve with irreducible components  $Y_d$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq r$ . We choose a system of local coordinates  $(x, y)$  on an open polydisc  $X$  centered at  $o$  such that the tangent cone of  $Y$  is transversal

to  $\{x = 0\}$ . Let  $y = \sum_{\varepsilon} a_{d,\varepsilon} x^{\varepsilon}$  be a Puiseux expansion of  $Y_d$ , where  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , and  $a_{d,\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{C}$ . We can assume that  $a_{d,\delta} = a_{e,\delta}$  for all  $\delta \leq \varepsilon$  if  $\sum_{\delta \leq \varepsilon} a_{d,\delta} x^{\delta}$  and  $\sum_{\delta \leq \varepsilon} a_{e,\delta} x^{\delta}$  parametrize the same curve. Let us associate to  $Y$  a tree  $\Xi_Y$  with set of vertices  $\mathcal{V}_Y$ . If  $1 \leq d, e \leq r$  and  $\varepsilon$  is a nonnegative rational number, we identify  $(d, \varepsilon)$  and  $(e, \varepsilon)$  if  $a_{d,v} = a_{e,v}$  for  $v \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $0 \leq v \leq \varepsilon$ . We say that (a class)  $(d, \varepsilon)$  is a *vertex of  $\Xi_Y$  with exponent  $\varepsilon$*  if  $\varepsilon = 0$  or  $\varepsilon$  is a characteristic Puiseux exponent of  $Y_d$  or there is  $e \neq d$  such that  $a_{d,\delta} = a_{e,\delta}$  if  $\delta < \varepsilon$  and  $a_{d,\varepsilon} \neq a_{e,\varepsilon}$ . We call  $(d, 0)$  the *root* of  $\Xi_Y$ . We say that a vertex  $w = (d, \delta)$  is a *descendent* of a vertex  $v = (d, \varepsilon)$  ( $w \gg v$ ) if  $\varepsilon < \delta$ . We say that a vertex  $(d, \varepsilon)$  is a *shaft* if  $a_{d,\varepsilon} = 0$ . By construction  $b_v \geq 1$  for all  $v$  nonterminal.

For each  $v = (d, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{V}_Y$  let  $Y_v$  be the irreducible branch given by the Puiseux expansion  $y = \Phi_v(x)$ , where  $\Phi_v(x) = \sum_{v < \delta} a_{d,v} x^{\delta}$ , if  $v$  is nonterminal with a child  $w = (d, \delta)$  and  $\Phi_v = \sum_{v \geq 0} a_{d,v} x^v$  otherwise.

For  $R \gg 0$  let  $\Sigma_{\eta}$  be the boundary of the polydisc  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2: |x| \leq \eta, |y| \leq R\}$ . Given  $0 < \eta \ll 1$  let  $K_v = K_{v,\eta} = Y_v \cap \Sigma_{\eta}$  be the knot of the branch  $Y_v$ . Set  $N_v = N_{v,\eta,\zeta_v} = \{(x, y): |x| = \eta, |y - \Phi_v(x)| \leq \zeta_v\}$ , where  $0 < \zeta_v \ll 1$ . The following lemma can be easily checked.

**Lemma 1.1.** *There are  $\eta > 0$  and closed neighborhoods  $N_v$  of  $K_v$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{V}_Y$ , such that  $K_v$  is a deformation retract of  $N_v$ ,  $N_w \subset \text{int}(N_v \setminus K_v)$  if  $v \ll w$  and  $N_v \cap N_w = \emptyset$  if  $v \not\ll w$  and  $w \not\ll v$ .*

We fix a family  $(N_v)_v$ , where  $v$  runs over the set of vertices of  $\Xi_Y$ , in the conditions of the previous lemma and call it a *toric system for  $Y$* . We set  $L_{\eta} = \{\eta\} \times \mathbb{C}$  and  $N_{v,\eta} = N_v \cap L_{\eta}$ .

Let us associate to each vertex  $v$  a point  $z_v \in \partial N_{v,\eta}$  and define paths connecting these points. Fix some  $z_{\phi} \in \partial N_{\phi,\eta}$ . Let  $v$  be a nonterminal vertex of  $\Xi_Y$  to which it was associated  $z_v \in \partial N_{v,\eta}$ . Let  $D_v$  be the connected component of  $N_{v,\eta}$  that contains  $z_v$ . Let  $c_v$  be the center of  $D_v$ . Given  $z \in D_v$ ,  $z \neq c_v$ , let  $r(z)$  be the radius of the disc  $D_v$  passing through  $z$ . Given  $z, z' \in D_v$ ,  $z \neq z'$ , we say that  $z <_v z'$  if  $z$  belongs to the line segment  $[c_v, z']$  or  $r(z')$  is placed to the right of  $r(z)$ , when we move along the boundary of  $D_v$  in the anticlockwise direction starting from  $z_v$ . We order the connected components of  $(\bigcup_{w > v} N_w) \cap D_v$  accordingly to the order of the corresponding centers. For each  $w > v$  denote by  $D_w$  the first connected component of  $D_v \cap N_w$ . If  $w$  is [not] a shaft let  $z_w$  be the point of  $\partial D_w$  whose distance to  $z_v$  [ $\partial D_v$ ] is minimum. Let  $\tau_{w,v}$  be the path that starts at  $z_v$ , moves along  $\partial D_v$  in the anticlockwise direction until it reaches  $r(z_w)$  and then moves inwards along this radius until it reaches  $z_w$  or a point of the boundary of some other disc. In this later case we move along this boundary in the clockwise direction until we reach again  $r(z_w)$ . In general, if  $v \ll w$  we take  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  s.t.  $v = v_1 < \dots < v_m = w$  and we set  $\tau_{w,v} = \tau_{v_m,v_{m-1}} \cdots \tau_{v_2,v_1}$ . The union  $B$  of all the paths  $\tau_{w,v}$  is simply connected and is called the *base set*.

We call *standard meridian* and *standard parallel* of  $N_v$  a pair of positively oriented simple closed curves  $\alpha_v$  and  $\beta_v$  defined over  $\partial N_v$  with base point  $z_v$ , such that  $\alpha_v, \beta_v$  are homeomorphic to  $S^1$ ,  $\alpha_v \sim 0$ ,  $\beta_v \sim K_v$  in  $H_1(N_v)$ ,  $\ell(\alpha_v, K_v) = 1$  and  $\ell(\beta_v, K_v) = 0$ . Here  $\ell(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the linking number in the oriented homology 3-sphere  $\Sigma_{\eta}$ . It is well known that the standard meridian and the standard parallel are unique up to isotopy. In the sequel we still denote by  $\alpha_v, \beta_v$  the standard meridian and the standard parallel of  $\partial N_v$ , with ‘base point’  $B$ . If  $v$  is nonterminal, let  $v_1, \dots, v_{b_v}$  be the children of  $v$  that are not shafts s.t.  $D_{v_1} <_v \dots <_v D_{v_{b_v}}$ . There are positive integers  $\mu_v, \nu_v$  with  $\text{gcd}(\mu_v, \nu_v) = 1$  s.t.  $K_{v_i} \sim \mu_v \alpha_v + \nu_v \beta_v$  in  $H_1(N_v \setminus K_v)$  for all  $i$ . Notice that  $\mu_v$  and  $\nu_v$  equal, respectively, the intersection multiplicity and the ‘ramification index’ of  $Y_v$  and  $Y_{v_i}$  (cf. [4]). Let  $r_v, s_v$  be integers such that  $r_v \mu_v = s_v \nu_v + 1$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *For each germ of plane curve  $Y$ , the local fundamental group of  $Y$ ,  $\pi_1(X \setminus Y, B)$  is presented by the generators  $\alpha_v, \beta_v, v$  vertex of  $\Xi_Y$ , the relations  $\beta_{\phi} = 1$ ,  $[\alpha_v, \beta_v] = 1$  for all  $v$  and*

$$\alpha_w^{\nu_v \mu_v} \beta_w = \alpha_v^{\mu_v} \beta_v^{\nu_v}, \quad \text{if } w > v \text{ and } w \text{ is not a shaft,} \tag{1}$$

$$\alpha_w^{\mu_v} \beta_w^{\nu_v} = \alpha_v^{\mu_v} \beta_v^{\nu_v}, \quad \text{if } w > v \text{ and } w \text{ is a shaft,} \tag{2}$$

$$(\alpha_{v_1} \cdots \alpha_{v_{b_v}} \alpha_v^{s_v} \beta_v^{r_v})^{\nu_v} = (\alpha_v^{\mu_v} \beta_v^{\nu_v})^{r_v}, \quad v \text{ nonterminal without shaft,} \tag{3}$$

$$\alpha_{v_1} \cdots \alpha_{v_{b_v}} \alpha_v^{s_v} \beta_v^{r_v} = \alpha_{v_0}^{s_v} \beta_{v_0}^{r_v}, \quad v \text{ nonterminal with shaft } v_0. \tag{4}$$

**2. Proof of Theorem 1.2**

In order to prove Theorem 1.2 consider a toric system for  $Y$ ,  $(N_v)_v$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{V}_Y$ . The group  $\pi_1(X \setminus Y, B)$  is the quotient of  $\pi_1(N_\phi \setminus \bigcup_w \text{int } N_w, B)$  by the normal subgroup generated by  $\beta_\phi$ , where  $w$  runs over the set of terminal vertices of  $\mathcal{E}_Y$ . A convenient decomposition of  $N_\phi \setminus \bigcup_w \text{int } N_w$  and an induction argument using van Kampen’s theorem, reduces the computation of  $\pi_1(N_\phi \setminus \bigcup_w \text{int } N_w, B)$  to the computation of  $\pi_1(N_v \setminus \bigcup_{w>v} \text{int } N_w, z_v)$ , where  $v$  runs over the set of nonterminal vertices of  $\mathcal{E}_Y$ . More precisely, if  $v$  is a nonterminal vertex of  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  with  $l$  children that are not shafts,  $v_1, \dots, v_l$ , and a child that is a shaft  $v_0$ , it is enough to show that  $\pi_1(N_v \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^l \text{int } N_{v_i}, z_v)$  is presented by  $\alpha_v, \beta_v, \alpha_{v_i}, \beta_{v_i}$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, l$ , s.t.

- (a)  $[\alpha_v, \beta_v] = [\alpha_{v_0}, \beta_{v_0}] = \dots = [\alpha_{v_l}, \beta_{v_l}] = 1$ ,
- (b)  $\alpha_{v_1} \dots \alpha_{v_l} \alpha_v^b \beta_v^a = \alpha_{v_0}^b \beta_{v_0}^a$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $a\mu_v = b\nu_v + 1$ ),
- (c)  $\alpha_v^{\mu_v} \beta_v^{\nu_v} = \alpha_{v_0}^{\mu_{v_0}} \beta_{v_0}^{\nu_{v_0}} = \alpha_{v_1}^{\mu_{v_1}} \beta_{v_1}^{\nu_{v_1}} = \dots = \alpha_{v_l}^{\mu_{v_l}} \beta_{v_l}^{\nu_{v_l}}$ .

The case where  $v$  does not have child that is a shaft, reduces to the previous one by adding the relation  $\alpha_{v_0} = 1$  and by eliminating the generator  $\beta_{v_0}$  from the defining relations. Actually, we have  $\alpha_{v_0} = (\alpha_v^{\mu_v} \beta_v^{\nu_v})^a (\alpha_{v_1} \dots \alpha_{v_l} \alpha_v^b \beta_v^a)^{-\nu_v}$  and  $\beta_{v_0} = (\alpha_v^{\mu_v} \beta_v^{\nu_v})^{-b} (\alpha_{v_1} \dots \alpha_{v_l} \alpha_v^b \beta_v^a)^{\mu_v}$ .

Let  $Y'$  be the curve with irreducible components given by the Puiseux expansion  $y = \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}^+} a'_{d,\varepsilon} x^\varepsilon$ . Here  $a'_{d,\varepsilon} = a_{d,\varepsilon}$  if  $(d, \varepsilon)$  is a vertex of  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  and  $a'_{d,\varepsilon} = 0$  otherwise. We can replace  $Y$  by  $Y'$ .

Let  $v = (d, \varepsilon)$  be a nonterminal vertex of  $\mathcal{E}_Y$  with  $l$  nonshaft children  $v_1, \dots, v_l$  and a child that is a shaft  $v_0$ . Set  $n = \nu_v$  and set  $p = o(v)$ . We can rewrite the Puiseux expansion of the branch  $Y_v$  as

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^p b_i x^{m_1/n_1 + \dots + m_i/(n_1 \dots n_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^p b_i x^{\tilde{m}_i/(n_1 \dots n_i)}, \tag{5}$$

where  $m_i, n_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ , are nonnegative integers such that  $m_i = 0$  if  $b_i = 0$ ,  $n_i = 1$  if  $m_i = 0$  and  $\text{gcd}(m_i, n_i) = 1$  if  $m_i \neq 0$ . Since we are interested in studying the topology of  $N_v \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^l \text{int } N_{v_i}$  we can assume that  $b_i \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . Set  $\ell_1 = m_1$  and  $\ell_j = m_j + n_j n_{j-1} \ell_{j-1}$  for  $j = 2, \dots, p + 1$ . By [2], Proposition 1A.1 (see also [4])  $\nu_u = n_{o(u)+1}$  and  $\mu_u = \ell_{o(u)+1}$  for  $u \ll v$  and  $u = v$ .

For each  $j = 0, \dots, l$ ,  $Y_{v_j}$  admits a Puiseux expansion of the form

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^p b_i x^{\tilde{m}_i/(n_1 \dots n_i)} + c_j x^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}/(n_1 \dots n_p n_{p+1})},$$

with  $c_0 = 0$ . Set  $D^2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$  and  $S^1 = \partial D^2$ . Set  $\varphi_v(t) = \varphi_{v_0}(t) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq p} b_i t^{\tilde{m}_i n_{i+1} \dots n_p}$  and  $\varphi_{v_j}(t) = \varphi_v(t^{n_{p+1}}) + c_j t^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ . Set  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta^{1/(n_1 \dots n_p)} > 0$ . Consider  $0 < \tilde{\zeta} \ll \zeta \ll 1$ . We have parametrizations of  $N_v$ , and  $N_{v_j}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, l$ , defined by  $\psi_v(t, z) = (\eta t^{n_1 \dots n_p}, \varphi_v(\tilde{\eta}t) + \zeta z)$ ,  $\psi_{v_0}(t, z) = (\eta t^{n_1 \dots n_p}, \varphi_{v_0}(\tilde{\eta}t) + \tilde{\zeta}z)$  and  $\psi_{v_j}(t, z) = (\eta t^{n_1 \dots n_{p+1}}, \varphi_{v_j}(\tilde{\eta}^{1/n_{p+1}}t) + \tilde{\zeta}z)$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , respectively. Here  $t \in S^1$  and  $z \in D^2$ .

Let  $r : \mathbb{C}_{\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{x, y}^2$  be the ramification defined by  $r(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = (\tilde{x}^{n_1 \dots n_p}, \tilde{y} + \varphi_v(\tilde{x}))$ . Let  $Z$  be the curve defined by  $\prod_{j=0}^l (\tilde{y}^{n_{p+1}} - c_j \tilde{x}^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}}) = 0$ . We have the trivial knots  $\tilde{K} = \tilde{K}_0 = \{\tilde{y} = 0\} \cap \Sigma_{\tilde{\eta}}$  and torus knots of type  $(\tilde{m}_{p+1}, n_{p+1})$ ,  $\tilde{K}_j = \{\tilde{y}^{n_{p+1}} - c_j \tilde{x}^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}} = 0\} \cap \Sigma_{\tilde{\eta}}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ . The corresponding tubular neighborhoods  $\tilde{N}$  and  $\tilde{N}_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, l$ , parametrized, respectively, by  $\tilde{\psi}(t, z) = (\tilde{\eta}t, \zeta z)$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}_0(t, z) = (\tilde{\eta}t, \tilde{\zeta}z)$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}_j(t, z) = (\tilde{\eta}t^{n_{p+1}}, c_j \tilde{\eta}^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}/n_{p+1}} t^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}} + \tilde{\zeta}z)$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , define a toric system for  $Z$ , where  $t \in S^1$  and  $z \in D^2$ .

Since  $\psi_v = r \circ \tilde{\psi}$  and  $\psi_{v_j} = r \circ \tilde{\psi}_j$ ,  $r : \tilde{N} \rightarrow N$  defines a homeomorphism that maps  $\tilde{N}_j$  onto  $N_j$  for all  $j$ . Therefore  $r_* : \pi_1(\tilde{N} \setminus \bigcup_{j=0}^l \text{int } \tilde{N}_j, \tilde{z}) \rightarrow \pi_1(N_v \setminus \bigcup_{j=0}^l \text{int } N_{v_j}, z_v)$ , where  $\tilde{z} \in \partial \tilde{N}$  s.t.  $r(\tilde{z}) = z_v$ . Let  $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}$  be, respectively, the standard meridian and the standard parallel of  $\tilde{N}$ . Let  $\tilde{\alpha}_j, \tilde{\beta}_j$  be, respectively, the standard meridian and the standard parallel of  $\tilde{N}_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, l$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** We have  $r_*(\tilde{\alpha}) = \alpha_v$ ,  $r_*(\tilde{\beta}) = \alpha_v^{\ell_{p+1} - \tilde{m}_p} \beta_v$ ,  $r_*(\tilde{\beta}_0) = \alpha_{v_0}^{\ell_{p+1} - \tilde{m}_p} \beta_{v_0}$ ,  $r_*(\tilde{\alpha}_j) = \alpha_{v_j}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, l$  and  $r_*(\tilde{\beta}_j) = \alpha_{v_j}^{(\ell_{p+1} - \tilde{m}_{p+1})n_{p+1}} \beta_{v_j}$  for  $j \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** Clearly  $r_*(\tilde{\alpha}) = \alpha_v$  and  $r_*(\tilde{\alpha}_j) = \alpha_{v_j}$  for all  $j$ . By definition,  $\tilde{K}_j \sim \tilde{m}_{p+1}\tilde{\alpha} + n_{p+1}\tilde{\beta}$  in  $H_1(\tilde{N} \setminus \tilde{K})$ ,  $j \geq 1$ . There are  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $r_*(\tilde{K}_j) \sim \tilde{m}_{p+1}r_*(\tilde{\alpha}) + n_{p+1}r_*(\tilde{\beta}) = \tilde{m}_{p+1}\alpha_v + n_{p+1}(s\alpha_v + t\beta_v)$ ,  $j \geq 1$ . Since  $r_*(\tilde{K}_j) = K_{v_j} \sim \ell_{p+1}\alpha_v + n_{p+1}\beta_v$ , we get  $t = 1$  and  $\ell_{p+1} = n_{p+1}s + \tilde{m}_{p+1}$ . Since  $\ell_{p+1} = m_{p+1} + \ell_{p+1}n_{p+1}$  and  $\tilde{m}_{p+1} = m_{p+1} + n_{p+1}\tilde{m}_p$ ,  $s = n_p\ell_p - \tilde{m}_p$ . The relation  $r_*(\tilde{\beta}_0) = \alpha_{v_0}^{\ell_{p+1} - \tilde{m}_p} \beta_{v_0}$  is proved in the same way. Now let  $\tilde{\sigma}_j$  be the loop of  $\partial N_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , obtained by moving the knot  $\tilde{K}_j$  directly away from  $\tilde{K}$ . We can parametrize  $\tilde{\sigma}_j$  by  $\tilde{\psi}_j(t, c_j\tilde{\eta}^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}/n_{p+1}}t^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}})$ , where  $t \in S^1$ . Since  $\psi_{v_j} = r \circ \tilde{\psi}_j$ , the loop  $\sigma_{v_j} := r_*(\tilde{\sigma}_j)$  is parametrized by  $\psi_{v_j}(t, c_j\tilde{\eta}^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}/n_{p+1}}t^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}})$ . Since  $\varphi_{v_j} = \varphi_v(t^{n_{p+1}}) + c_jt^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}}$ ,  $\sigma_{v_j}$  is the loop obtained by moving the knot  $K_{v_j}$  directly away from  $K_v$ . By the proof of Proposition 1A.1 of [2],  $\tilde{\sigma}_j \sim \tilde{\alpha}_j^{\tilde{m}_{p+1}n_{p+1}} \tilde{\beta}_j$  and  $\sigma_{v_j} \sim \alpha_j^{\ell_{p+1}n_{p+1}} \beta_{v_j}$ . Thus  $r_*(\tilde{\beta}_j) = \alpha_{v_j}^{(\ell_{p+1} - \tilde{m}_{p+1})n_{p+1}} \beta_{v_j}$ ,  $j \geq 1$ .  $\square$

By the previous lemma in order to prove Theorem 1.2 it is enough to show that  $\pi_1(N_v \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^l \text{int } N_{v_i}, z_v)$  is generated by  $\alpha, \beta, \alpha_j, \beta_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, l$ , verifying relations (a), (b) and (c), when  $v = \phi$ .

Let  $Y$  be the curve with irreducible components  $Y_d$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq l$ , where  $Y_d$  admits the Puiseux expansion  $y = b_d x^{m/n}$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq l$ , with  $b_0 = 0$ . Set  $\mathbf{e}(t) = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}t)$ . We can assume that  $b_d = \mathbf{e}((d-1)/(nl))$  for  $d = 1, \dots, l$ . Let  $N = N_{\phi, \eta, \zeta}$  and  $N_d = N_{\phi_d, \eta, \zeta}$ ,  $d = 0, \dots, l$ , be a toric system for  $Y$ .

We have a parametrization of  $N \setminus \text{int } N_0$  given by  $X(t, s, \theta) = (\eta \mathbf{e}(nt), (\zeta(1-s) + \tilde{\zeta}s) \mathbf{e}(\theta + mt - 1/(2nl)))$ ,  $t, s, \theta \in [0, 1]$ . Set  $T = T_{m,n,l} = X([0, 1]^2 \times \{j/(nl) : j = 0, \dots, nl-1\})$ . We call  $T$  a turbine with shaft of type  $(m, n, l)$ . The turbine  $T$  is a retract by deformation of  $N \setminus \bigcup_{d=0}^l \text{int } N_d$ . Take  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $r \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $m = sn + r$ . For  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  set  $\gamma_j(t) = X(0, 0, tj/(nl))$ ,  $\tilde{\gamma}_j(t) = X(0, 1, tj/(nl))$  and  $\delta_j(t) = X(0, t, j/(nl))$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Take (the homotopy classes of) the loops with base point  $z = X(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\alpha = \gamma_{nl}$ ,  $\alpha_0 = \delta_0^{-1} \tilde{\gamma}_{nl} \delta_0$  and  $\alpha_j = \gamma_{j-1}^{-1} \delta_{j-1}^{-1} \tilde{\gamma}_{j-1} \tilde{\gamma}_j^{-1} \delta_j \gamma_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, nl$ . Let  $\beta$  [ $\beta_0$ ] be the loop parametrized by  $X(t, 0, 0)$  [ $X(t, 1, 0)$ ],  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Clearly  $\alpha, \beta$  are the standard generators of  $\partial N$ ,  $\alpha_0, \beta_0$  are the standard generators of  $\partial N_0$ , and  $\alpha_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$  are the standard meridians of  $\partial N_j$ . The  $nl$  ‘blades’ of turbine  $T$  retract by deformation into the trajectories of  $\omega_j(t) = X(t/n, 1/2, j/(nl) + t(s+r/n))$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, nl-1$ . Set  $\tilde{\delta}_j(t) = X(0, t/2, j/(nl))$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , and  $\xi_j = \gamma_{j-1+r}^{-1} \tilde{\delta}_{j-1+r}^{-1} \omega_{j-1} \tilde{\delta}_{j-1} \gamma_{j-1}$ , for all  $j$ .

Set  $\theta_d = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_d$  if  $0 \leq d \leq nl-1$  and set  $\theta_d = \alpha_0^{-t} \theta_j \alpha^t$  if  $d = tnl + j$  with  $0 \leq j \leq nl-1$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** The group  $\pi_1(T_{m,n,l}, z)$  is presented by the generators  $\alpha, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{nl}, \beta, \beta_0$  and the relations

- (a<sub>1</sub>)  $[\alpha, \beta] = [\alpha_0, \beta_0] = 1$ ,
- (b<sub>1</sub>)  $\alpha = \alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{nl}$ ,
- (c<sub>1</sub>)  $\alpha^s \beta = \theta_{rl+d}^{-1} \alpha_0^s \beta_0 \theta_d$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $T'$  be the union of  $T \setminus \partial N_0$  with the trajectory of  $\alpha_0$ . Let  $T''$  be the union of  $T \setminus \partial N$  with the trajectory of  $\alpha$ . Let  $\varphi : T' \cap T'' \hookrightarrow T'$ ,  $\psi : T' \cap T'' \hookrightarrow T''$  be the inclusion maps. Remark that  $T'$  retracts by deformation into the union of  $\partial N$  with the trajectories of  $\alpha_d$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq nl$ ,  $T''$  retracts by deformation into the union of  $\partial N_0$  with the trajectories of  $\alpha_d$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq nl$ ,  $T' \cap T''$  retracts by deformation into the connected graph that is the union of the trajectories of  $\alpha_d$ 's and the  $\xi_d$ 's,  $1 \leq d \leq nl$ . Hence the fundamental group of  $T' \cap T''$  is the free group generated by  $\alpha_0, \alpha_d, \xi_d$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq nl$ ,

$$\pi_1(T') = \langle \alpha, \beta, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{nl} : [\alpha, \beta] = 1, \alpha = \alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{nl} \rangle,$$

$$\pi_1(T'') = \langle \alpha, \beta, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{nl}, \beta_0 : [\alpha_0, \beta_0] = 1, \alpha = \alpha_0 \cdots \alpha_{nl} \rangle,$$

$$\varphi_* \xi_d = \alpha^s \beta, \quad \psi_* \xi_d = \theta_{rl+d-1}^{-1} \alpha_0^s \beta_0 \theta_{d-1}, \quad d = 1, \dots, (n-r)l, \quad (6)$$

$$\varphi_* \xi_d = \alpha^{s+1} \beta, \quad \psi_* \xi_d = \theta_{d-1-(n-r)l}^{-1} \alpha_0^{s+1} \beta_0 \theta_{d-1}, \quad d = (n-r)l + 1, \dots, nl. \quad (7)$$

By van Kampen's theorem,  $\pi_1(T_{m,n,l}, z)$  is generated by  $\alpha, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{nl}, \beta, \beta_0$  with relations (a<sub>1</sub>), (b<sub>1</sub>),

$$\alpha^s \beta = \theta_{rl}^{-1} \alpha_0^s \beta_0 \theta_0 = \dots = \theta_{nl-1}^{-1} \alpha_0^s \beta_0 \theta_{(n-r)l-1}, \quad (8)$$

$$\alpha^{s+1} \beta = \theta_0^{-1} \alpha_0^{s+1} \beta_0 \theta_{(n-r)l} = \dots = \theta_{rl-1}^{-1} \alpha_0^{s+1} \beta_0 \theta_{nl-1}. \quad (9)$$

Since  $\alpha^{-1} \theta_d^{-1} \alpha_0 = \theta_{d+nl}^{-1}$ , (8) and (9) are equivalent to (c<sub>1</sub>).  $\square$

For  $d = 1, \dots, l$  set  $\sigma_d = \xi_{d+(n-1)rl} \dots \xi_{d+rl} \xi_d$ . By the proof of Proposition 1A.1 of [2] the standard parallel of  $\partial N_j, \beta_j, j = 1, \dots, l$ , is homotopic to  $\alpha_j^{-nm} \sigma_j$ . Hence it is enough to prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.**  $\pi_1(T_{m,n,l}, z)$  is generated by  $\alpha, \beta, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \alpha_d, \sigma_d, d = 1, \dots, l$ , verifying the relations

$$(a_2) \quad [\alpha, \beta] = [\alpha_0, \beta_0] = [\alpha_d, \sigma_d] = 1, \quad d = 1, \dots, l,$$

$$(b_2) \quad \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_l = (\alpha_0^b \beta_0^a) (\alpha^b \beta^a)^{-1}, \quad \text{with } a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } am = bn + 1,$$

$$(c_2) \quad \sigma_d = \alpha_0^m \beta_0^n = \alpha^m \beta^n, \quad d = 1, \dots, l.$$

**Proof.** Since  $\theta_j = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_j, j = 0, \dots, nl, \pi_1(T_{m,n,l}, z)$  is generated by  $\alpha, \beta, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{nl-1}$  with relations (a<sub>1</sub>) and (c<sub>1</sub>). Iterating  $t$  times the relation (c<sub>1</sub>) one gets  $\theta_j = (\alpha_0^s \beta_0)^{-t} \theta_{j+trl} (\alpha^s \beta)^t$ . Since  $m = sn + r, \theta_j = (\alpha_0^s \beta_0)^{-n} \alpha_0^{-r} \theta_j \alpha^r (\alpha^s \beta)^n = (\alpha_0^m \beta_0^n)^{-1} \theta_j (\alpha^m \beta^n)$ , for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Taking into account the definition of the  $\sigma_d$ 's and relations (6), (7), we have that  $\sigma_d = \alpha^m \beta^n, d = 1, \dots, nl$ , commutes with  $\alpha_j, j = 1, \dots, nl$ . Since  $ar = (b - as)n + 1$  and  $\theta_{j+l+(b-as)nl} = \alpha_0^{as-b} \theta_{j+l} \alpha^{b-as}, \theta_j = (\alpha_0^b \beta_0^a)^{-1} \theta_{j+l} (\alpha^b \beta^a)$  and  $\theta_{j+nl} = (\alpha_0^m \beta_0^n)^{-a} \theta_j (\alpha^m \beta^n)^a = \theta_j$ . Hence  $\pi_1(T_{m,n,l}, z)$  is generated by  $\alpha, \beta, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_l$  and verifies relations (a<sub>2</sub>), (b<sub>2</sub>) and (c<sub>2</sub>).

Conversely, let us recover relations (b<sub>1</sub>) and (c<sub>1</sub>). Set  $\theta_d = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_d, 0 \leq d \leq l$  and set  $\theta_{d+tl} = (\alpha_0^b \beta_0^a)^t \times \theta_d (\alpha^b \beta^a)^{-t}, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By (a<sub>2</sub>) and (c<sub>2</sub>)  $\theta_{d+nl} = (\alpha_0^b \beta_0^a)^n \theta_d (\alpha^b \beta^a)^{-n} = \sigma_d^a \alpha_0^{-1} \theta_d \alpha \sigma_d^{-a} = \alpha_0^{-1} \theta_d \alpha$  and  $\theta_{d+rl} = (\alpha_0^b \beta_0^a)^r \theta_d (\alpha^b \beta^a)^{-r} = \sigma_d^{b-as} \alpha_0^s \beta_0 \theta_d (\alpha^s \beta)^{-1} \sigma_d^{as-b} = \alpha_0^s \beta_0 \theta_d (\alpha^s \beta)^{-1}$ . Moreover, we can replace the  $\theta_j$ 's by the  $\alpha_j$ 's.  $\square$

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