

# On mixed plane curves of polar degree 1

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ABSTRACT. Let  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  be a mixed strongly polar homogeneous polynomial of 3 variables  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2, z_3)$ . It defines a Riemann surface  $V := \{[\mathbf{z}] \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = 0\}$  in the complex projective space  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . We will show that for an arbitrary given  $g \geq 0$ , there exists a mixed polar homogeneous polynomial with polar degree 1 which defines a projective surface of genus  $g$ . For the construction, we introduce a new type of weighted homogeneous polynomials which we call *polar weighted homogeneous polynomials of twisted join type*.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  be a strongly polar homogeneous mixed polynomial of  $n$ -variables  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with polar degree  $q$  and radial degree  $d$ . Recall that a strongly polar homogeneous polynomial  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  satisfies the equality ([O3]):

$$f((t, \rho) \circ \mathbf{z}, \overline{(t, \rho) \circ \mathbf{z}}) = t^d \rho^q f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}), \quad (t, \rho) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times S^1. \quad (1.1)$$

Here  $(t, \rho) \circ \mathbf{z}$  is defined by the usual action  $(t, \rho) \circ \mathbf{z} = (t\rho z_1, \dots, t\rho z_n)$ . Let  $\tilde{V}$  be the mixed affine hypersurface

$$\tilde{V} = f^{-1}(0) = \{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = 0\}.$$

We assume that  $\tilde{V}$  has an isolated singularity at the origin. Let  $f : \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \tilde{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  be the global Milnor fibration defined by  $f$  and let  $F$  be the fiber. Namely  $F$  is the hypersurface  $f^{-1}(1) \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ . The monodromy map  $h : F \rightarrow F$  is defined by

$$h(\mathbf{z}) = (\eta z_1, \dots, \eta z_n), \quad \eta = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{q}\right).$$

We consider the smooth projective hypersurface  $V$  defined by

$$V = \{[\mathbf{z}] \in \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \mid f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = 0\}.$$

By (1.1), if  $\mathbf{z} \in f^{-1}(0)$  and  $\mathbf{z}'$  is in the same  $\mathbb{R}^+ \times S^1$  orbit of  $\mathbf{z}$ , then  $\mathbf{z}' \in f^{-1}(0)$ . Thus the hypersurface  $V = \{[\mathbf{z}] \in \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \mid f(\mathbf{z}) = 0\}$  is well-defined. Consider the quotient map  $\pi : \mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{O\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  and its restriction to the Milnor fiber  $\pi : F \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \setminus V$ . This is a  $q$ -cyclic covering map. In the previous paper [O3], we have shown that  $\tilde{V}$  and  $V$  has canonical orientations and the following key assertion is proved:

**THEOREM 1.1.** (Theorem 11, [O3]) *The embedding degree of  $V$  is equal to the polar degree  $q$ .*

First we observe that

**PROPOSITION 1.2.** *The Euler characteristics satisfy the following equalities.*

- (1)  $\chi(F) = q\chi(\mathbb{P}^{n-1} \setminus V)$ .
- (2)  $\chi(\mathbb{P}^{n-1} \setminus V) = n - \chi(V)$  and  $\chi(V) = n - \chi(F)/q$ .
- (3) *The following sequence is exact.*

$$1 \rightarrow \pi_1(F) \xrightarrow{\pi_{\sharp}} \pi_1(\mathbb{P}^{n-1} \setminus V) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 1.$$

COROLLARY 1.3. *If  $q = 1$ , the projection  $\pi : F \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \setminus V$  is a diffeomorphism.*

COROLLARY 1.4. *Assume that  $n = 3$ . Then the genus  $g(V)$  of  $V$  is given by the formula:*

$$g(V) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\chi(F)}{q} - 1 \right)$$

The monodromy map  $h : F \rightarrow F$  gives free  $\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$  action on  $F$ . Thus using the periodic monodromy argument in [M], we get

PROPOSITION 1.5. *The zeta function of the monodromy  $h : F \rightarrow F$  is given by*

$$\zeta(t) = (1 - t^q)^{-\chi(F)/q}.$$

*In particular, if  $q = 1$ ,  $h = \text{id}_F$  and  $\zeta(t) = (1 - t)^{-\chi(F)}$ .*

**1.1. Projective mixed curves.** Let  $C$  be a smooth  $C^\infty$  surface embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and let  $g$  be the genus of  $C$  and let  $q$  be the embedding degree of  $C$ . It is known that the following inequality is satisfied.

$$g \geq \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{2}.$$

This was first conjectured by R. Thom and it has been proved by many people. For example see Kronheimer-Mrowka, [KM]. We are interested to present  $C$  as a mixed algebraic curve in the smallest embedding degree  $q$  of a Riemann surface of a given genus  $g$  as a mixed algebraic curve. (So we are not interested in the embedding with  $q = 0$ .) In our previous paper, we have used the join type construction starting from a strongly polar homogeneous polynomial of two variables  $f(z_1, z_2, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2)$  of polar degree  $q$  and radial degree  $q + 2r$  and we considered

$$g(z_1, z_2, z_3, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3) = f(z_1, z_2, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2) + z_3^{q+r} \bar{z}_3^r.$$

Using such a polynomial, we have shown that there exists a mixed curve of a given genus  $g$  with the embedding degree 2 ([O3]). Note that if degree  $q = 1$ , the join theorem ([Mol]) says that the Euler number of the Milnor fiber of  $g$  is 1 (i.e., the Milnor number is 0) and thus we only get genus 0. Thus to get a mixed curve of polar degree 1 and the genus arbitrary large, we have to find another type of polynomials. This is the reason we introduce *polar weighted homogeneous polynomials of twisted join type* (See §3). For example, in the above setting, we consider the polynomial:

$$g'(z_1, z_2, z_3, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3) = f(z_1, z_2, \bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2) + \bar{z}_2 z_3^{q+r} \bar{z}_3^{r-1}.$$

Using polynomials of this type, we will show that *there exists a mixed surface with the polar degree  $q = 1$  for any  $g$  (Theorem 3.3, Corollary 3.4).*

This paper is a continuation of our paper [O3] (see also [O4, O2]) and we use the same notations as those we have used previously.

## 2. Mixed projective curves

Let  $\mathcal{M}(q + 2r, q; n)$  be the space of strongly polar homogeneous polynomials of  $n$ -variables  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  with polar degree  $q$  and radial degree  $q + 2r$ .

**2.1. Important mixed affine curves.** We consider the following mixed strongly polar homogeneous polynomial of two variables:

$$h_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) = (w_1^{q+j}\bar{w}_1^j + w_2^{q+j}\bar{w}_2^j)(w_1^{r-j} - \alpha w_2^{r-j})(\bar{w}_1^{r-j} - \beta \bar{w}_2^{r-j}), \quad r \geq j \geq 0$$

with  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}^*$  generic. This polynomial plays a key role for the construction. Note that  $h_{q,r,j}$  is a strongly polar homogeneous polynomial with radial degree  $q + 2r$  and polar degree  $q$  respectively i.e.,  $h_{q,r,j} \in \mathcal{M}(q + 2r, q; 2)$ . Then the Milnor fiber  $H_{q,r,j} := h_{q,r,j}^{-1}(1)$  of  $h_{q,r,j}$  is connected. The Euler characteristic of  $\chi(H_{q,r,j}^*)$  (where  $H_{q,r,j}^* = H_{q,r,j} \cap \mathbb{C}^{*2}$ ) is given by

$$\chi(H_{q,r,j}^*) = -r_{q,r,j} \times q \quad \text{and} \quad \chi(H_{q,r,j}) = -r_{q,r,j} q + 2q$$

where  $r_{q,r,j}$  is the link component number of the mixed curve  $C = h_{q,r,j}^{-1}(0)$ . Note that the link component number  $r_{q,r,j}$  is given by  $r_{q,r,j} = q + 2(r - j)$  by Lemma 64, [O4]. Thus

PROPOSITION 2.1.

$$\chi(H_{q,r,j}) = -q((q - 2) + 2(r - j))$$

**2.2. Join type polynomials.** We consider the following strongly polar homogeneous polynomial of join type.

$$f_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = h_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) + z_3^{q+r} \bar{z}_3^r, \quad \mathbf{w} = (z_1, z_2)$$

The the Milnor fiber  $F_{q,r,j} = f_{q,r,j}^{-1}(1)$  of  $f_{q,r,j}$  is connected. By the Join theorem ( Cisneros-Molina [Mol]),  $F_{q,r,j}$  is a simply connected 2-dimensional CW-complex so that

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(F_{q,r,j}) &= -(q - 1)\chi(H_{q,r,j}) + q \\ &= q(q - 1)(q - 2) + 2q(q - 1)(r - j) + q. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $C_{q,r,j}$  be the projective curve defined by  $\{f_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = 0\}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . By Corollary 1.4, the genus  $g(C_{q,r,j})$  of  $C_{q,r,j}$  is given by

$$g(C_{q,r,j}) = \frac{(q - 1)(q - 2)}{2} + (q - 1)(r - j) \geq \frac{(q - 1)(q - 2)}{2}.$$

For  $q = 2$ , we get

$$g(C_{2,r,j}) = (r - j) \geq 0.$$

Thus this shows that for arbitrary  $g \geq 0$ , the mixed curve  $C_{2,g+j,j}$  is a curve of genus  $g$  and the embedding degree 2. Note that  $g(C_{1,r,j}) = 0$ . Thus  $q = 1$  gives only rational curves, as is already mentioned in 1.1.

### 3. Twisted join type polynomial

In this section, we introduce a new class of mixed polar weighted polynomials which we use to construct curves with embedded degree 1. Let  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  be a polar weighted homogeneous polynomial of  $n$ -variables  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ . Let  $Q = {}^t(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ ,  $P = {}^t(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  be the radial and polar weight respectively and let  $d, q$  be the radial and polar degree respectively. For simplicity, we call that  $Q' = {}^t(q_1/d, \dots, q_n/d)$  and  $P' = {}^t(p_1/q, \dots, p_n/q)$  the *normalized radial weights* and the *normalized polar weights* respectively. Consider the mixed polynomial of  $(n + 1)$ -variables:

$$g(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}, w, \bar{w}) = f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) + \bar{z}_n w^a \bar{w}^b, \quad a > b.$$

Consider the rational numbers  $\bar{q}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_{n+1}$  satisfying

$$\frac{q_n}{d} + (a+b)\bar{q}_{n+1} = 1, \quad -\frac{p_n}{q} + (a-b)\bar{p}_{n+1} = 1.$$

We assume that  $q_n < d$  so that  $\bar{q}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_{n+1}$  are positive rational numbers. The polynomial  $g$  is a polar weighted homogeneous polynomial with the normalized radial and polar weights  $\widetilde{Q}' = {}^t(q_1/d, \dots, q_n/d, \bar{q}_{n+1})$  and  $\widetilde{P}' = {}^t(p_1/q, \dots, p_n/q, \bar{p}_{n+1})$  respectively. The radial and polar degree of  $g$  are given by  $\text{lcm}(d, \text{denom}(\bar{q}_{n+1}))$  and  $\text{lcm}(q, \text{denom}(\bar{p}_{n+1}))$  where  $\text{denom}(x)$  is the denominator of  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . We call  $g$  a *twisted join of  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  and  $\bar{z}_n w^a \bar{w}^b$* . We say that  $g$  is a polar weighted homogeneous polynomial of *twisted join type*. A twisted join type polynomial behaves differently than the simple join type, as we will see below.

We recall that  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  is called to be *1-convenient* if the restriction of  $f$  to each coordinate hyperplane  $f_i := f|_{\{z_i=0\}}$  is non-trivial for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  ([O1])

LEMMA 3.1. *Assume that  $n \geq 2$  and  $f$  is 1-convenient. Then*

$$\phi_{\sharp} : \pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{Z}$$

is an isomorphism where  $\phi$  is the canonical mapping  $\phi : (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^* \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \times (\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\})$  defined by  $\phi(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{z}, f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}))$  and  $F_f^* := f^{-1}(1) \cap (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ .

PROOF. Let us use the notations:

$$D_{\delta} := \{\eta \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\eta| \leq \delta\}, \quad S_{\delta}(1) = \{\eta \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\eta - 1| = \delta\}.$$

Denote by  $\hat{f}$  the restriction of  $f$  to  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ . The fact that the mapping  $\hat{f} : (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus f^{-1}(0) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  is a fibration and the inclusion  $D_{1-\varepsilon} \cup S_{\varepsilon}(1) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$  is a deformation retract implies the following inclusion is also a deformation retract:

$$\iota : \hat{f}^{-1}(D_{1-\varepsilon}) \cup \hat{f}^{-1}(S_{\varepsilon}(1)) \subset (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^*, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1.$$

On the other hand,  $\hat{f}^{-1}(S_{\varepsilon}(1)) \cong \hat{f}^{-1}(1-\varepsilon) \times S_{\varepsilon}(1) \cong F_f^* \times S_{\varepsilon}(1)$  and  $\pi_1(\hat{f}^{-1}(S_{\varepsilon}(1))) \cong \pi_1(F_f^*) \times \mathbb{Z}$ . The 1-convenience of  $f$  implies the homomorphism  $i_{\sharp} : \pi_1(F_f^*) \rightarrow \pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^n)$  is surjective. Moreover  $\hat{f}^{-1}(D_{1-\varepsilon})$  is homotopic to  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n$ , as  $D_{1-\varepsilon} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a deformation retract. Thus the assertion follows from the van Kampen lemma, applied to the decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}^{-1}(D_{1-\varepsilon} \cup S_{\varepsilon}(1)) &= \hat{f}^{-1}(D_{1-\varepsilon}) \cup \hat{f}^{-1}(S_{\varepsilon}(1)), \\ \hat{f}^{-1}(D_{1-\varepsilon}) \cap \hat{f}^{-1}(S_{\varepsilon}(1)) &= \hat{f}^{-1}(1-\varepsilon) \cong F_f^*. \end{aligned}$$

□

Put  $F_{f_n} := f_n^{-1}(1) = F_f \cap \{z_n = 0\} \subset \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$  with  $f_n := f|_{\mathbb{C}^n \cap \{z_n=0\}}$ .

THEOREM 3.2. *Assume that  $n \geq 2$  and  $f$  is 1-convenient and  $g(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}, w, \bar{w})$  is a twisted join polynomial as above. Then*

- (1) *the Milnor fiber of  $g$ ,  $F_g = g^{-1}(1)$ , is simply connected.*
- (2) *The Euler characteristic of  $F_g$  is given by the formula:*

$$\chi(F_g) = -(a-b-1)\chi(F_f) + (a-b)\chi(F_{f_n}).$$

PROOF. Consider  $F_g^* := F_g \cap (\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1}$  and the projection map  $\pi : F_g^* \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^n$  defined by  $(\mathbf{z}, w) \mapsto \mathbf{z}$ . Then the image of  $F_g^*$  by  $\pi$  is  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^*$  and  $\pi : F_g^* \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^*$  gives an  $(a-b)$ -cyclic covering. In fact the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z})$  is given as

$$\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z}) = \{(\mathbf{z}, w) \mid w^a \bar{w}^b = \frac{1 - f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})}{\bar{z}_n}\}$$

Therefore

$$\pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^*) / \pi_{\sharp}(\pi_1(F_g^*)) \cong \mathbb{Z}/(a-b)\mathbb{Z}.$$

By Lemma 3.1, we see that  $\pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^n \setminus F_f^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$  and any subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$  with a finite index is a free abelian group of the same rank  $n+1$ . Therefore  $\pi_1(F_g^*) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ . Note that  $g(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}, w, \bar{w})$  is 1-convenient. Thus taking normal slice of each smooth divisor  $z_i = 0$  in  $F_g$ , we see that

$$\iota_{\sharp} : \pi_1(F_g^*) \rightarrow \pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1})$$

is surjective. Consider the inclusion map  $\iota : F_g^* \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1}$ . If  $\iota_{\sharp}$  is not injective,  $\pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1}) \cong \pi_1(F_g^*) / \text{Ker } \iota_{\sharp}$  can not be a free abelian group of rank  $n+1$ . Thus  $\iota_{\sharp} : \pi_1(F_g^*) \rightarrow \pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1})$  is an isomorphism. Note that the canonical generators of  $\pi_1((\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1})$  are given by the lassos for the coordinate divisors  $\{z_i = 0\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ . We can take explicit generators by the loops

$$\omega_i : S^1 \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*)^{n+1}, t \mapsto (b_1, \dots, b_{i-1}, \varepsilon \exp(2\pi t i), \dots, b_{n+1})$$

with  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_{n+1}$  are non-zero constants. Thus we can take a lasso  $\omega'_i$  for the divisor  $\{z_i = 0\} \subset F_g$  represented by the boundary loop  $\partial D_i$  of a small smooth normal disk  $D_i$  at a smooth point of the divisor  $\{z_i = 0\}$ . Clearly we have  $[\omega'_i] \mapsto [\omega_i]$ . Here  $[\omega'_i]$  and  $[\omega_i]$  are the corresponding homotopy classes. As  $\iota_{\sharp}$  is an isomorphism,  $\{[\omega'_i] \mid i = 1, \dots, n+1\}$  are generators of  $\pi_1(F_g^*)$ . On the other hand, the inclusion  $F_g^* \rightarrow F_g$  gives a surjection on their fundamental groups and  $[\omega'_i] \mapsto 0 \in \pi_1(F_g)$ . This implies that  $\pi_1(F_g)$  is trivial.

For the proof of the assertion (2), we apply the additivity of the Euler characteristic to the union  $F_g = F_g^{*\{n\}} \cup F_{g_n}$  where  $F_g^{*\{n\}} := F_g \cap \{z_n \neq 0\}$  and  $F_{g_n} := F_g \cap \{z_n = 0\}$ . Note that  $F_{g_n} \cong F_{f_n} \times \mathbb{C}$ . Put  $\mathbb{C}^{*\{n\}} = \mathbb{C}^n \cap \{z_n \neq 0\}$  and  $F_f^{*\{n\}} = F_f \cap \{z_n \neq 0\}$ . In the following, we consider the projection  $\pi_n : \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  defined by  $\pi_n(\mathbf{z}, w) = \mathbf{z}$ . Note that  $\pi_n^{-1}(F_f) = F_f \times \mathbb{C}$  and  $F_g^{*\{n\}} \cap \pi_n^{-1}(F_f) = \{(\mathbf{z}, 0) \mid \mathbf{z} \in F_f^{*\{n\}}\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(F_g^{*\{n\}}) &= \chi(F_g^{*\{n\}} \setminus \pi_n^{-1}(F_f)) + \chi(F_g^{*\{n\}} \cap \pi_n^{-1}(F_f)) \\ &= (a-b)\chi(\mathbb{C}^{*\{n\}} \setminus F_f^{*\{n\}}) + \chi(F_f^{*\{n\}}) \\ &= -(a-b-1)\chi(F_f^{*\{n\}}) \\ \chi(F_{g_n}) &= \chi(F_{f_n} \times \mathbb{C}) = \chi(F_{f_n}). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality follows from  $F_{g_n} = F_{f_n} \times \mathbb{C}$ . To complete the proof, we use the additivity of the Euler characteristic which gives the equality

$$\chi(F_f) = \chi(F_f^{*\{n\}}) + \chi(F_{f_n}).$$

□

### 3.1. Construction of a family of mixed curves with polar degree $q$ .

Now we are ready to construct a key family of mixed curves with embedding degree  $q$ . Recall the polynomial:

$$h_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) := (z_1^{q+j} \bar{z}_1^j + z_2^{q+j} \bar{z}_2^j)(z_1^{r-j} - \alpha z_2^{r-j})(\bar{z}_1^{r-j} - \beta \bar{z}_2^{r-j}), \quad \mathbf{w} = (z_1, z_2).$$

$h_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}})$  is 1-convenient strongly polar homogeneous polynomial with the radial degree  $q + r$  and the polar degree  $q$  respectively. The constants  $\alpha, \beta$  are generic. For this, it suffices to assume that  $|\alpha|, |\beta| \neq 0, 1$  and  $|\alpha| \neq |\beta|$ . Consider the twisted join polynomial of 3 variables  $z_1, z_2, z_3$ :

$$s_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = h_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) + \bar{z}_2 z_3^{q+r} \bar{z}_3^{r-1}, \quad \mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2, z_3).$$

Let  $F_{q,r,j} = s_{q,r,j}^{-1}(1) \subset \mathbb{C}^3$  be the Milnor fiber and let  $S_{q,r,j} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  be the corresponding mixed projective curve:

$$S_{q,r,j} = \{[\mathbf{z}] \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid s_{q,r,j}(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = 0\}.$$

Note that  $S_{q,r,j}$  is a smooth mixed curve. The following describes the topology of  $F_{q,r,j}$  and  $S_{q,r,j}$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** (1) *The Euler characteristic of the Milnor fiber  $F_{q,r,j}$  is given by:*

$$\chi(F_{q,r,j}) = q(q^2 - q + 1 + 2(r - j)).$$

(2) *The genus of  $S_{q,r,j}$  is given by:*

$$g(S_{q,r,j}) = \frac{q(q-1)}{2} + (r-j)$$

**PROOF.** Let  $H_{q,r,j} = h_{q,r,j}^{-1}(1)$ . Then by Proposition 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(H_{q,r,j}) &= -q(q-2 + 2(r-j)) \\ \chi(H_{q,r,j} \cap \{z_2 = 0\}) &= q \end{aligned}$$

and the assertion follows from Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

**3.2. Mixed curves with polar degree 1.** We consider the case  $q = 1, j = 0$ :

$$\begin{cases} h(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) & := (z_1 + z_2)(z_1^r - \alpha z_2^r)(\bar{z}_1^r - \beta \bar{z}_2^r) \\ f_r(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) & := h(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) + \bar{z}_2 z_3^{r+1} \bar{z}_3^{r-1} \\ S_r & := \{[\mathbf{z}] \in \mathbb{P}^2 \mid f_r(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = 0\}. \end{cases}$$

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *Let  $S_r$  be the mixed curve as above. Then the embedding degree of  $S_r$  is 1 and the genus of  $S_r$  is  $r$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $F_r = f_r^{-1}(1)$  be the Milnor fiber of  $f_r$ . By Theorem 3.2, we have  $\chi(F_r) = 2r + 1$ . Thus by Corollary 1.4, the assertion follows immediately.  $\square$

**REMARK 3.5.**  $h(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}})$  can be replaced by  $(z_1^{r+1} - z_2^{r+1})(\bar{z}_1 - \beta \bar{z}_2^r)$  without changing the topology.

#### 4. Further embeddings of smooth curves

Consider a smooth curve  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  with genus  $g$ . If  $C$  is a complex algebraic curve of degree  $q$ , they are related by the Plücker formula  $g = \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{2}$ . In particular,  $q$  is the positive integer root of  $x^2 - 3x + 2 - 2g = 0$ . Thus for a given  $g \geq 1$ ,  $q$  is unique if it exists. In this section, we consider this problem in the category of mixed projective curves. Consider the family of mixed curves.

$$S_{q,r,1} : h_{q,r,1}(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) + \bar{z}_2 z_3^{q+r} \bar{z}_3^{r-1}$$

We have shown that the genus  $g$  is given as follows.

$$g = \frac{q(q-1)}{2} + r - 1.$$

Assume that  $g$  is fixed and we consider the possible degree  $q$ . We can solve as

$$r = g - \frac{q(q-1)}{2} + 1.$$

This shows that

**THEOREM 4.1.** *For a given  $g > 0$  and  $q$  which satisfies the inequality*

$$g \geq \frac{q(q-1)}{2},$$

*the mixed curve  $S_{q,r,1}$  with  $r = g - \frac{q(q-1)}{2} + 1$  has genus  $g$  and degree  $q$ .*

**REMARK 4.2.** Assume that

$$(\#) \quad \frac{q(q-1)}{2} \geq g \geq \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{2}.$$

For the construction of a curve with  $\{g, q\}$  satisfying  $(\#)$ , we can not use the surface  $S_{q,r,1}$ . If  $g - \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$ , we can use the mixed curve  $C_{q,r,1}$ . If  $g \not\equiv \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{2} \pmod{q-1}$ , we do not know if such an embedding exists.

#### 5. Mixed polar weighted polynomial with polar degree 1 of $n$ variables

Let us consider mixed polar weighted homogeneous polynomials of  $n$  variables with polar degree 1. They have the following strong property:

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  be a polar weighted homogeneous polynomial of degree 1 of radial weight  $(q_1, \dots, q_n; d)$  and polar weight  $(p_1, \dots, p_n; 1)$ . Then the Milnor fibration  $\varphi = f/|f| : S^{2n-1} \setminus K \rightarrow S^1$  with  $K = f^{-1}(0) \cap S^{2n-1}$  is trivial. In fact, the explicit diffeomorphism is given using the one-parameter family of diffeomorphisms of the monodromy flows  $h_\theta : F \rightarrow F_\theta$  with  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $F_\theta := \varphi^{-1}(\exp(i\theta))$  and*

$$h_\theta(\mathbf{z}) = \exp(i\theta) \circ \mathbf{z}$$

*where  $\rho \circ \mathbf{z} = (\rho^{p_1} z_1, \dots, \rho^{p_n} z_n)$  and  $\rho \in S^1$ . Note that  $h_{2\pi} = \text{id}$ . The trivialization of the fibration is given by the diffeomorphism  $\psi : F \times S^1 \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \setminus K$  which is defined by*

$$\psi(\mathbf{z}, \exp(i\theta)) = h_\theta(\mathbf{z})$$

Observe that the trivialization is not an extension of the trivialization of the normal bundle of  $K$  in  $S^{2n-1}$ .

COROLLARY 5.2. *Let  $f(\mathbf{w})$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (z_1, z_2)$  be a polar weighted homogeneous polynomial with polar degree 1. Then the link  $K := f^{-1}(0) \cap S^3$  is trivially fibered over the circle. Thus we have*

$$\pi_1(S^3 \setminus K) \cong \mathbb{Z} \times \pi_1(F)$$

where  $F$  is the Milnor fiber.

Let  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  be a polar weighted homogeneous polynomial of  $n$  variables. On the topology of the hypersurface  $F = f^{-1}(1)$ , we propose the following basic question. *Is the homological (or homotopical) dimension of  $F$  is  $n - 1$  under a certain condition (say mixed non-degeneracy)?*

We say that  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  satisfies *the homological dimension property* if the assertion is satisfied for  $F = f^{-1}(1)$ . There are several cases in which the assertion is true.

- (1) Simplicial type: Assume that  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}})$  is a simplicial type polar weighted homogeneous polynomial. Then the homological dimension of  $F$  is at most  $n - 1$ . This follows from Theorem 10, [O1].
- (2) (Join type) Assume that  $f(\mathbf{z}, \bar{\mathbf{z}}) = h(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}}) + k(\mathbf{u}, \bar{\mathbf{u}})$  where  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_m)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_\ell)$  and  $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u})$ . Assume that  $h(\mathbf{w}, \bar{\mathbf{w}})$ ,  $k(\mathbf{u}, \bar{\mathbf{u}})$  are polar weighted homogeneous polynomials which satisfies the homological dimension property. Then  $f$  also satisfies the property. This follows from the Join theorem by Cisneros Molino [Mol].

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