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CLASSIFICATION OF FLAT PENCILS OF FOLIATIONS ON COMPACT COMPLEX SURFACES

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ABSTRACT. — Related to the classification of regular foliations in a complex algebraic surface, we address the problem of classifying the complex surfaces which admit a flat pencil of foliations. On this matter, a classification of flat pencils which admit foliations with a first integral of genus one and isolated singularities was done by Lins Neto. In this work, we complement Lins Neto's work, by obtaining the classification of compact complex surfaces which have a pencil with an invariant tangency set.

RÉSUMÉ. — En lien avec la classification des feuilletages réguliers dans une surface algébrique complexe, on traite le problème de la classification des surfaces complexes qui admettent un pinceau plat de feuilletages. À propos de cette question, une classification des pinceaux plats qui admettent des feuilletages avec une intégrale première de genre un et des singularités isolées a été obtenue par Lins Neto. Dans ce travail, on complète le travail de Lins Neto, en obtenant la classification des surfaces complexes compactes qui ont un pinceau avec ensemble de tangence invariant.

1. Introduction

It is a well known fact that every foliation on \mathbb{P}^2 must have singularities, however, there exist complex surfaces which admit regular foliations, that is, foliations without singularities. Then it is natural to ask for a classification of complex surfaces which admit regular foliations. Related to this problem, we have a classification of regular foliations on complex surfaces due to Brunella [3], which is based from Enriques–Kodaira classification of compact complex surfaces. Brunella's classification is as follows.

THEOREM 1.1 ([3, Théorème 2]). — Every regular foliation over a compact complex surface X with Kod(X) < 2 belongs to the following list:

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- (1) elliptic or rational fibrations,
- (2) foliations transversal to elliptic or rational fibrations,
- (3) turbulent foliations,
- (4) linear foliations on a torus,
- (5) trivial foliations on Hopf or Inoue surfaces.

The notion of pencil (or linear family) of foliations was defined by Lins Neto [12]. A pencil $\mathcal{P} := \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ on a compact complex surface X is defined by two foliations \mathcal{F}_0 and \mathcal{F}_∞ in \mathcal{P} together with an isomorphism between their normal bundles. Associated to a pencil are its *curvature* (see Section 3.2) and its *tangency set* $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ (see Section 3.1) which is an analytic set formed by the singularities of the foliations in \mathcal{P} . A pencil is called *flat* if its curvature is zero.

In this work, we address the following problem:

"Classify the compact complex surfaces which admit flat pencils with an invariant tangency set".

Moreover, for these particular pencils, we will characterize the following set

 $I_p(\mathcal{P}) := \left\{ \alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}} : \mathcal{F}_\alpha \text{ has a meromorphic first integral on } X \right\}.$

This is related to the Poincaré's problem, which consists in bounding the degree of an invariant algebraic curve in terms of the degree of the foliation.

The paper is divided as follows: Sections 2 and 3 contain the preliminary definitions we will need in this work, in particular, Section 3 contains the definition and main features of the pencils of foliations. In Section 4, we consider the case when $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is empty. Theorems 4.5 and 4.6, and Corollaries 4.7 and 4.8, are comprised in the following theorem.

THEOREM. — Let X be a complex compact surface which admits a pencil \mathcal{P} with empty tangency set. Then X is either a torus or a Hopf surface and \mathcal{P} is generated by linear foliations. Moreover

- (1) If X is a Hopf surface then $I_p(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$.
- (2) If X is a torus and $\#I_p(\mathcal{P}) \ge 3$ then $X = E \times E$, with $E = \mathbb{C}/\langle 1, \tau \rangle$ and $I_p(\mathcal{P}) \setminus \{\infty\}$ is either \mathbb{Q} or $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$, only up to a reparametrization of the parameter space of the pencil.

Finally, in Section 5, we deal with flat pencils with invariant and nonempty tangency set. Four remarkable examples in \mathbb{P}^2 of this kind of pencils were given by Lins Neto in [10, 11, 12], see Example 3.6. Lins Neto also obtained in [10] the following characterization of these pencils. THEOREM 1.2 ([10, Theorem 3]). — Let M be a compact complex surface and \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} be two foliations on M such that $T_{\mathcal{F}} = T_{\mathcal{G}}$ and $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{F}_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be the pencil generated by \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} . Suppose that

- (1) $\mathcal{F} \neq \mathcal{G};$
- (2) The singularities of \mathcal{F} are reduced in the sense of Seidenberg;
- (3) \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} have holomorphic first integrals, say $f: M \to S_1$ and $g: M \to S_2$, respectively, where f is an elliptic fibration.

Then

- If K_M ≠ 0 then M is a rational surface. In this case, the pencil is bimeromorphically equivalent to one of the types of Example 3.6. Moreover, we have I_p(P) = λ · Q · Γ ∪ {∞}, where λ ∈ C* and Γ = ⟨1, e^{2πi/3}⟩ or ⟨1, i⟩. In particular, E(P) is countable and dense in C.
- (2) If $K_M = 0$ then, either M is a complex algebraic torus, or M is an algebraic K3 surface. Moreover, the family is exceptional (in the sense of [10]) if, and only if, $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ contains at least three elements.

In [11, 12], Lins Neto computes the set $I_p(\mathcal{P})$, for the pencils given in Example 3.6. This was done using the theory of foliations transversal to the fibers of a fibration applied to a certain element of the pencil with an holomorphic first integral with genus one, in order to find an explicit formula of the generators of the holonomy group of the foliations in such pencils. In this work, we deal with the case when the pencil \mathcal{P} has an element with an holomorphic first integral with genus zero. Our first result is about the generators of the holonomy group of the foliations $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{P}$ with isolated singularities. In the following theorem, $IS(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of indices where the associated foliation has isolated singularities.

THEOREM. — Let $\mathcal{P} = {\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a flat pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. If gen(f) = 0 then, for any $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, the global holonomy group G_{α} of \mathcal{F}_{α} is finitely generated by $f_{1,\alpha}, \ldots, f_{k,\alpha}$, where these generators could be either

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + a_j \alpha + b_j, \qquad j = 1, \dots, k_j$$

or

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))z, \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

The following theorem is our main result. In this theorem, under the same conditions of the previous theorem, we prove that X is a rational surface and characterize the set $I_p(\mathcal{P})$.

THEOREM. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a flat pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f: X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. If gen(f) = 0 then X is a rational surface where one of the following hold:

- (1) $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ is finite,
- (2) $IS(\mathcal{P}) \subset I_p(\mathcal{P})$, or
- (3) $I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P}) = \mathbb{Q} \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$, up to a reparametrization of the pencil.

2. Preliminaries

In this section we recall some basic concepts needed for later sections. Throughout this section, X will denote a compact complex surface, unless otherwise stated.

An holomorphic foliation \mathcal{F} on X is given by a family of holomorphic 1-forms $\{\omega_i\}_{i \in I}$ defined over an open covering $\mathscr{U} = \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ of X such that $\omega_i = g_{ij}\omega_j$, with $g_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_{ij})$, where $U_{ij} = U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$. The singular set of \mathcal{F} , is the analytic set $\operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$ such that $\operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) \cap U_i = \{w_i = 0\}$. The multiplicative cocycles $\{g_{ij}\}_{i, j \in I}$ define the linear fibration $N_{\mathcal{F}}$ on X, which will be called the normal fibration of \mathcal{F} .

A foliation \mathcal{F} can also be defined by a family of holomorphic vector fields X_i , defined over an open covering $\mathscr{U} = \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ of X such that $X_i = f_{ij}X_j$, with $f_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_{ij})$, where $U_{ij} = U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$. Thus the tangent bundle of \mathcal{F} on X, denoted by $T_{\mathcal{F}}$, is defined by the multiplicative cocycles $\{f_{ij}^{-1}\}_{i,j \in I}$.

Let $N_{\mathcal{F}}^*$ and $T_{\mathcal{F}}^*$ be the dual fibrations of $N_{\mathcal{F}}$ and $T_{\mathcal{F}}$, respectively. Then [3, Lemme 1]:

$$K_X = N_F^* \otimes T_F^*$$

where K_X is the canonical bundle of X.

We now recall the *Poincaré–Hopf* and *Baum–Bott* indices, defined by Brunella [4], see also [2, 3, 5]. Let $p \in X$ be an isolated singularity of \mathcal{F} and let (x, y, U) be a coordinate system with $p \in U$ and x(p) = y(p) = 0, such that \mathcal{F} is represented in U by

$$Y(x,y) = P(x,y)\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + Q(x,y)\frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

where P and Q are holomorphic over U and gcd(P,Q) = 1. In addition, let J be the Jacobian matrix of (P,Q) at (0,0). The Poincaré–Hopf index of \mathcal{F} at p is defined as

$$PH(\mathcal{F}, p) = \operatorname{Res}_{(0,0)} \frac{\det J}{P \cdot Q} dx \wedge dy.$$

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It is well known that this index coincides with the *Milnor number* of Y at p, that is,

$$PH(\mathcal{F}, p) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_p}{\langle P, Q \rangle}.$$

The Baum-Bott index of \mathcal{F} at p, is defined as

$$BB(\mathcal{F}, p) = \operatorname{Res}_{(0,0)} \frac{(\operatorname{Tr} J)^2}{P \cdot Q} dx \wedge dy.$$

Denote $m(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_{p \in \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F})} PH(\mathcal{F}, p)$ and $BB(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_{p \in \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F})} BB(\mathcal{F}, p)$. The following formulas can be found in [3, Section 2, Proposition 1],

The following formulas can be found in [3, Section 2, Proposition 1], and [5, p. 34], respectively:

(2.1)
$$m(\mathcal{F}) = c_2(X) + BB(\mathcal{F}) - N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot K_X,$$

$$(2.2) BB(\mathcal{F}) = N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot N_{\mathcal{F}}$$

Let $C \subset X$ a curve which is non-invariant by \mathcal{F} . Given $p \in C$, let f = 0a local reduced equation of C and \mathcal{F} represented by Y an holomorphic field in some neighborhood U of p. The tangency index of \mathcal{F} with respect to Cat p is defined as

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$$(\mathcal{F}, C, p) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_p}{\langle f, Y(f) \rangle}.$$

Moreover,

$$\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C) = \sum_{p \in \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) \cap C} \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C, p).$$

In addition, we have the following formulas [3, Lemme 2]:

$$N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = \mathcal{X}(C) + \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C),$$

$$T_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = C \cdot C - \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C).$$

When C is invariant by \mathcal{F} , for any $p \in C$, there is also the GSV index $Z(\mathcal{F}, C, p)$, see [4, Section 3] and [5, p. 24] for details. Let $\{f = 0\}$ be a local equation of C around p, and let ω be an holomorphic 1-form generating \mathcal{F} around p. Because C is \mathcal{F} -invariant, we can factorize ω around p as

$$g\omega = hdf + f\eta,$$

where η is an holomorphic 1-form, g and h are holomorphic functions, and h, f (and therefore g, f) are relatively prime, that is, h (and therefore g)

does not vanish identically on each branch of C. Thus, the GSV index is defined as

$$Z(\mathcal{F}, C, p) = \text{vanishing order of } \frac{h}{g}\Big|_{C} \text{ at } p$$
$$= \sum_{i} \text{vanishing order of } \frac{h}{g}\Big|_{C_{i}} \text{ at } p$$

Denote, in addition,

$$Z(\mathcal{F}, C) = \sum_{p \in \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) \cap C} Z(\mathcal{F}, C, p)$$

We also have the following formulas [3, Lemme 3]:

$$N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = C \cdot C + Z(\mathcal{F}, C),$$

$$T_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = \chi(C) - Z(\mathcal{F}, C).$$

A fibration on X is a surjective holomorphic map $\varphi : X \to S$ over a Riemann surface such that $\varphi^{-1}(c)$ is connected for generic c. Let $CV(\varphi)$ be the set of critical values of φ . Given $c \in S$ denote $\varphi_c = \varphi^{-1}(c)$ and $V = \varphi^{-1}(CV(\varphi))$. By Ehresman fibration theorem [6], the map

$$\varphi|_{X\setminus V}: X\setminus V \to S\setminus CV(\varphi)$$

is a locally trivial C^{∞} bundle. Then $\chi(\varphi_c) = \chi(\varphi_{c'})$, for every $c, c' \in S \setminus CV(\varphi)$. Therefore, the genus of φ is $gen(\varphi) = gen(\varphi_c)$, for any $c \in S \setminus CV(\varphi)$. When $gen(\varphi) = 0$ (respectively, $gen(\varphi) = 1$) the fibration φ is called rational (respectively, elliptic).

A foliation \mathcal{F} on X is tangent to a fibration φ if the leaves of \mathcal{F} are the fibers of φ . Moreover, a foliation is called a *rational* (respectively, *elliptic*) fibration if it is tangent to a rational (respectively, elliptic) fibration.

A foliation \mathcal{F} on X is called a *Riccati foliation* (respectively, turbulent foliation), if there exists a rational (respectively, elliptic) fibration whose generic fibers are transversal to \mathcal{F} .

Let \mathcal{F} be a foliation on X. An holomorphic (respectively, meromorphic) first integral of \mathcal{F} is a non-constant holomorphic (respectively, meromorphic) map $f: X \to S$, where S is a Riemann surface, and for all $c \in S$, $f^{-1}(c)$ is a union of leaves and singularities of \mathcal{F} . We will assume that the generic level curve of f is irreducible. This implies that any holomorphic first integral of a foliation is a fibration.

Let f be a first integral of a foliation \mathcal{F} . When f is holomorphic, the genus of f is the genus of f considered as a fibration. On the other hand,

when f is meromorphic, the genus of f is the genus of the fibration obtained after a finite number of blow-ups on the singularities of f.

Let T be a two dimensional complex torus. The following result is due to Ghys [7].

PROPOSITION 2.1. — Let \mathcal{F} be a regular foliation on T. Then there exists a covering $\pi : \mathbb{C}^2 \to T$ such that \mathcal{F} is induced by the closed 1-form b(x)dx + dy, where b(x) is either constant or an elliptic function.

The set of linear foliations on T is naturally identified with the onedimensional projective space $\mathbb{P}H^0(T, \Omega_T^1)$. Let I(T) be the set of linear foliations in $\mathbb{P}H^0(T, \Omega_T^1)$ which admit an holomorphic first integral and let i(t) be its cardinality. The following proposition is a result due to Pereira and Pirio [13, Proposition 11.1], adapted for our purposes.

PROPOSITION 2.2. — If $i(T) \ge 3$ then $i(T) = \infty$ and there exists an elliptic curve $E = \mathbb{C}/\langle 1, \tau \rangle$ such that $T = E \times E$. Moreover, if ω_1, ω_2 are linearly independent 1-forms on T admitting rational first integrals, then

(2.3) $\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \omega_1 + \lambda \omega_2 \text{ has an holomorphic first integral}\}$

 $= \operatorname{End}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q},$

where $\operatorname{End}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ is either \mathbb{Q} or $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$.

PROPOSITION 2.3. — Let X be a Hopf surface. Then

 $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} : dy - \alpha dx \text{ has an holomorphic first integral}\} = \emptyset.$

Proof. — First assume that X is a primary Hopf surface, that is, it has the form

$$X = \frac{\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}}{\Gamma}$$

where Γ is generated by $f(x, y) = (ax + \lambda y^r, by)$, with $r \in \mathbb{Z}, r > 0, a, b \in \mathbb{C}$, $0 < |a| \leq |b| < 1$ and either $\lambda = 0$ or $a = b^r$. Straightforward calculations show that the iterations of f take the form

$$f^{n}(x,y) = \left(a^{n}x + n\lambda a^{n-1}y^{r}, b^{n}y\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We claim that, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(x, 1) = f^n(z, 1)$ if and only if n = 0 and x = z. The if part is immediate. For the only if part, is enough to observe that $(x, 1) = f^n(z, 1) = (a^n z + n\lambda a^{n-1}, b^n)$ and $1 = b^n$ implies n = 0 and x = z, since |b| < 1.

Given $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, let us consider $L_{\alpha} = \{\pi(x, \alpha x + 1) : x \in \mathbb{C}\}$ and a cross section $\Sigma = \{\pi(x', 1) : x' \in \mathbb{C}\}$. Note that

$$\pi(x,\alpha x+1) = \pi(x',1) \in \Sigma \cap L_{\alpha} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad x = \frac{b^n - 1}{\alpha}, \ x' = \frac{b^n - 1}{a^n \alpha} - \frac{n\lambda}{a},$$

for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. By our previous claim, we conclude that there are infinite, non-equivalent, elements of the form $\pi(x', 1) \in L_{\alpha} \cap \Sigma$. Therefore $L_{\alpha} \cap \Sigma$ is infinite. Now for $\alpha = 0$, we consider $L_0 = \{\pi(x, 1) : x \in \mathbb{C}\}$ and let $\Sigma = \{\pi(1, y) : y \in \mathbb{C}\}$. In this case,

$$\pi(x,1) = \pi(1,y) \in \Sigma \cap L_0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad x = \frac{1}{a^n} - n\lambda \frac{1}{a}, \ y = b^n,$$

for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Again, by our previous claim, there are infinite, nonequivalent, elements of the form $\pi(x, 1) \in L_0 \cap \Sigma$. Therefore $L_0 \cap \Sigma$ is infinite. The case when $\alpha = \infty$ is analogous. We conclude that \mathcal{F}_{α} must have infinite non-compact leaves, and so it does not have a first integral.

When X is a secondary Hopf surface, from [1, Chapter 5, Section 18], there exists a finite unramified cover that is a primary Hopf surface, that is, there exists an holomorphic $F : X_1 \to X$, where X_1 is a primary Hopf surface. The Proposition 2.3 follows.

3. Pencils of foliations

Most of the following definitions and properties were introduced by Lins Neto in [12].

3.1. First definitions

Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} be two distinct foliatons on a compact complex surface Xwith isolated singularities and whose normal fibers bundles are isomorphic, which will be denoted as $N_{\mathcal{F}} = N_{\mathcal{G}}$. Then there exist an open covering $\mathscr{U} = \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ of X and collections $(\omega_i)_{i \in I}$, $(\eta_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(g_{ij})_{ij}$ such that

- (1) ω_i and η_i are holomorphic 1-forms on U_i , which define \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} on U_i , respectively,
- (2) if $U_{ij} = U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ then $\omega_i = g_{ij}\omega_j$ and $\eta_i = g_{ij}\eta_j$, on U_{ij} .

Using item (2), given $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, the collections $\{U_i, \omega_i + \alpha \eta_i, g_{ij}\}_{i,j \in I}$ define a foliation \mathcal{F}_{α} . Thus, we obtain a linear family of foliations $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$, which is called the *pencil* generated by \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} . Note that $\mathcal{F}_0 = \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\infty} = \mathcal{G}$.

The tangency set between \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} , denoted by $\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$, is defined as

$$\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F},\mathcal{G}) \cap U_i = \{\omega_i \land \eta_i = 0\}$$

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Given a pencil $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$, it is straightforward to observe that, for every $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}, \alpha \neq \beta$,

$$\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F},\mathcal{G}) = \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha},\mathcal{F}_{\beta}).$$

This allows us to consider the tangency set $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ of \mathcal{P} as $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ = Tang $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$. It is easy to prove that,

(3.1)
$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}} \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}).$$

In particular, $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$ if, and only if, $\operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \emptyset$, for all $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$. Let $[\Delta(\mathcal{P})]$ be the divisor defined by $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ then [3, Lemme 4]

(3.2)
$$\mathcal{O}([\Delta(\mathcal{P})]) = T^*_{\mathcal{F}} \otimes N_{\mathcal{G}}.$$

Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ be a pencil. Consider the sets

 $NI(\mathcal{P}) = \{ \alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}} : \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} \text{ has non-isolated singularities} \}$

and $IS(\mathcal{P}) = \overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus NI(\mathcal{P})$. From equation (3.1), we conclude that $NI(\mathcal{P})$ is finite, since $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_0$ has isolated singularities and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is an analytic set. Moreover, for every $\alpha, \beta \in IS(\mathcal{P}), \alpha \neq \beta$, we have $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, \mathcal{F}_{\beta})$ and $N_{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}} = N_{\mathcal{F}_{\beta}}$.

The fact that $NI(\mathcal{P})$ is finite implies that the foliations in \mathcal{P} can have a singular set of codimension one, as shown by the following example.

Example 3.1. — Let $X = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and let (x, y, \mathbb{C}^2) be a coordinate system on X. Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} two foliations on X such that $\mathcal{F}|_{\mathbb{C}^2}$ is induced by the 1-form dy = 0 and $\mathcal{G}|_{\mathbb{C}^2}$ is induced by the 1-form dx = 0. It is not difficult to note that, if $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) = {\mathcal{F}_\alpha}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ then \mathcal{F}_α is defined in \mathbb{C}^2 by $dy + \alpha dx = 0$. Thus, taking coordinates (x, t, \mathbb{C}^2) , (u, y, \mathbb{C}^2) and (u, t, \mathbb{C}^2) , with u = 1/x and t = 1/y, \mathcal{F}_α is respectively defined by

$$dt - \alpha t^2 dx = 0$$
, $-u^2 dy + \alpha du = 0$, $u^2 dt + \alpha t^2 du = 0$.

Note that $N_{\mathcal{F}} \simeq N_{\mathcal{G}}$, since

$$dy + \alpha dx = \frac{1}{t^2} (dt - \alpha t^2 dx) = \frac{1}{u^2} (-u^2 dy + \alpha du) = 2 \frac{1}{t^2 u^2} (u^2 dt + \alpha t^2 du).$$

In addition,

$$\operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \begin{cases} \{\infty\} \times \mathbb{P}^{1}, & \text{if } \alpha = 0, \\ \mathbb{P}^{1} \times \{\infty\}, & \text{if } \alpha = \infty, \\ \{(\infty, \infty)\}, & \text{if } \alpha \neq 0, \infty, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_0) \cup \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_\infty)$$

The following are examples of pencils with empty tangency set.

Example 3.2. — Let $X = \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$ be a complex torus and let $\pi : \mathbb{C}^2 \to X$ be the natural projection. Let \mathcal{P} be the pencil on X induced by the family of 1-forms $dx + \alpha dy$. Clearly $\operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \emptyset$, for all $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, and therefore $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$.

Example 3.3. — Let X be the Hopf surface defined by $\frac{\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}}{\langle f \rangle}$, with f(x,y) = (x/2, y/2), and let $\pi : \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\} \to X$ be the natural projection. In $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ consider \mathcal{P} defined by the 1-forms $dx + \alpha dy = 0$ and let $\mathcal{P}_* = \pi_*(\mathcal{P})$ be the induced pencil on X. Then $\Delta(\mathcal{P}_*) = \emptyset$.

3.2. Curvature of a pencil

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X, defined by $(\omega_i + \alpha \eta_i, U_i, g_{ij})_{i,j \in I}$. Given $i \in I$ we can find a unique 1-form θ_i , meromorphic on U_i and holomorphic on $U_i \setminus \Delta(\mathcal{P})$, such that

$$d\omega_i = \theta_i \wedge \omega_i, \quad d\eta_i = \theta_i \wedge \eta_i.$$

Hence we can define a 2-form Θ on X, holomorphic on $X \setminus \Delta(\mathcal{P})$, such that

$$\Theta|_{U_i \setminus \Delta(\mathcal{P})} = d\theta_i.$$

From now on, $\Theta = \Theta(\mathcal{P})$ will be called the *curvature* of \mathcal{P} . In addition, a pencil \mathcal{P} is flat whenever its curvature is zero, that is $\Theta(\mathcal{P}) \equiv 0$.

Remark 3.4. — The pencils \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{P}_* respectively defined in Examples 3.2 and 3.3 are flat. This is a consequence of Proposition 4.1, since both have an empty tangency set.

The following Lemma 3.5 shows us that X admits an holomorphic projective structure [9] outside $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$.

LEMMA 3.5 ([12, Lemma 2.1.4]). — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a flat pencil on X. Given $p \in X \setminus \Delta(\mathcal{P})$, there exists a system of coordinates (x, y, U), where U is a neighborhood of p and $(x, y) : U \to \mathbb{C}^2$, such that, for any $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, \mathcal{F}_{α} is defined on U by the linear 1-form

 $dy + \alpha dx.$

Furthermore, if (u, v, V) is another system of coordinates, where $U \cap V$ is non-empty and convex and \mathcal{F}_{α} is defined by $dv + \alpha du$ then $du = \lambda dx$ and $dv = \lambda dy$, for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda \neq 0$.

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3.3. On the components of the pencil's tangency set

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on compact complex surface X and let C be an irreducible component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$. Then C is called *invariant* for the pencil if C is invariant for \mathcal{F}_{α} , for all $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$. Moreover, $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is called *invariant*, if every irreducible component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant for the pencil. The set of parameters $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ for which \mathcal{F}_{α} admit an holomorphic first integral will be denoted by $I_p(\mathcal{P})$.

Example 3.6. — Each one of the following examples defines a flat pencil whose tangency set is invariant. These examples can be found in [11] and [12, Example 3]. See also [10, Example 1.6].

(1) Degree two pencil, defined as

$$\mathcal{P}_2 \begin{cases} w_1 = (4x - 9x^2 + y^2) \, dy - (6y - 12xy) dx, \\ \eta_1 = (2y - 4xy) dy - 3 \left(x^2 - y^2\right) dx, \end{cases}$$

with
$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}_2) = -4y^2 + 4x^3 + 12xy^2 - 9x^4 - 6x^2y^3 - y^4$$
.

(2) Degree three pencil, defined as

$$\mathcal{P}_{3} \begin{cases} w_{4} = (-4x + x^{3} + 3xy^{2}) \, dy - 2y \left(y^{2} - 1\right) dx, \\ \eta_{4} = \left(x^{2}y - y^{3}\right) dy - 2x \left(y^{2} - 1\right) dx, \end{cases}$$

with $\Delta(\mathcal{P}_3) = (y^2 - x)(y - \frac{x^2}{4})(y^3 - x^3 + 3xy + 1).$ (3) Degree three pencil, defined as

$$\mathcal{P}'_{3} \begin{cases} w_{2} = (-x + 2y^{2} - 4x^{2}y + x^{4}) dy - y (-2 - 3xy + x^{3}) dx, \\ \eta_{2} = (2y - x^{2} + xy^{2}) dy - (3xy - x^{3} + 2y^{3}) dx, \end{cases}$$

with $\Delta(\mathcal{P}'_3) = (x^3 - 1)(y^3 - 1)(x^3 - y^3).$

$$\mathcal{P}_4 \begin{cases} w_3 = (x^3 - 1) x dy - (y^3 - 1) y dx, \\ \eta_3 = (x^3 - 1) y^2 dy - (y^3 - 1) x^2 dx, \end{cases}$$

with $\Delta(\mathcal{P}_4) = (y^2 - 1) (x + 2 + y^2 - 2x) (x^2 + y^2 + 2x)$

DEFINITION 3.7. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f: X \to S$. The pencil \mathcal{P} is called transversal to f if there exists $\beta \in IS(\mathcal{P})$ such that the generic fibers of f are \mathcal{F}_{β} -transversal.

In particular, note that if \mathcal{P} is transversal to f then, for all $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, the generic fibers of f are also \mathcal{F}_{α} -transversal.

LEMMA 3.8. — Let \mathcal{P} be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f: X \to S$. If $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant then \mathcal{P} is transversal to f.

Proof. — Let $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$. For any generic regular fiber F of f we have $F \cap \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \emptyset$ and F is transversal to $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$. Therefore, $\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, F) = 0$ for any generic regular fiber.

Remark 3.9. — Under the conditions of Lemma 3.8: if $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant then

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \bigcup_{j=1}^{k} f^{-1}(c_j) \cup \bigcup_{l=1}^{r} C_l,$$

where $c_1, \ldots, c_k \in S$ and $C_l \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\infty})$, for $l = 1, \ldots, r$.

3.4. Holonomy of a pencil

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f: X \to S$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant.

We will follow the steps of [12, Section 2]. Throughout this section, we will denote by T_c the level curve $f^{-1}(c) \subset X$. Since $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant, by Lemma 3.8, \mathcal{P} is transversal to f. Then, there exist open sets $W = S \setminus \{c_1, \ldots, c_k\}$ and $U = X \setminus f^{-1}(\{c_1, \ldots, c_k\})$ such that, for any $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P}) \setminus \{\infty\}$, the foliation \mathcal{F}_{α} is transversal to the fibers of f in all points of the set U. By Ehresmann's theory of foliations transversal to the fibers of a fibration [6], for any $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P}) \setminus \{\infty\}$, we have the associated holonomy representation $\operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}$ of \mathcal{F}_{α} ,

$$\operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}: \Pi_1(W, c) \to \operatorname{Diff}(T_c),$$

where $c \in W$, with the following properties:

- (1) For any leaf L of $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}|_{U}$, $f|_{L}: L \to W$ is a covering map.
- (2) Given a (regular) fiber T_c and a closed curve $\gamma : [0,1] \to W$ with $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1) = c$, that is, $[\gamma] \in \Pi_1(W,c)$, the diffeomorphism $\operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}([\gamma]) : T_c \to T_c$ is defined as follows: take $p \in T_c$ and let $L_{\alpha}(p)$ be the leaf of \mathcal{F}_{α} passing through p. Since $f|_{L_{\alpha}(p)} : L_{\alpha}(p) \to W$ is a covering map, there exists a unique curve $\tilde{\gamma}$ on $L_{\alpha}(p)$ such that $f \circ \tilde{\gamma} = \gamma$ and $\tilde{\gamma}(0) = p$. Now consider $\operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}([\gamma])(p) = \tilde{\gamma}(1)$.
- (3) Denote by G_{α} the subgroup $\operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}(\Pi_1(W,c))$ of $\operatorname{Diff}(T_c)$, then

$$L \cap T_c = \{h(q) : h \in G_\alpha\}.$$

The group G_{α} is called the global holonomy group of \mathcal{F}_{α} .

Remark 3.10. — Since the foliation \mathcal{F}_{α} and the fibration $f|_U$ are holomorphic, it follows that all elements $h \in G_{\alpha}$ are automorphisms of the curve T_c .

Fixed $\beta \in IS(\mathcal{P})$ and $p \in T_c$, by item (2) above and Lemma 3.5, there exists an open covering $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^m$ of $\widetilde{\gamma}_{\beta}[0,1]$ and a system of coordinates (X_n, Y_n) on U_n such that $U_n \cap U_{n+1}$ is connected and \mathcal{F}_{β} is represented in U_n by the 1-form

(3.3)
$$\omega_{n,\beta} = dY_n + \beta dX_n.$$

Note that $\mathcal{F}_0|_{U_n}$: $dY_n = 0$, and $\mathcal{F}_{\infty}|_{U_n}$: $dX_n = 0$.

From [12], there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ and a cross section Σ_0 to \mathcal{F}_β at $q_0 \in T_c$ such that $h_\alpha \in G_\alpha$ takes the form

(3.4)
$$h_{\alpha}|_{\Sigma_0}(q_0) = Y_m^{-1}(\lambda Y_1(q_0) + a\alpha + b),$$

for all α in a certain open disk $D_{\varepsilon}(\beta)$.

Remark 3.11. — Also in [12], Lins Neto proved that when gen(f) = 1, the generators of the global holonomy group G_{α} , $f_{j,\alpha}$, take the form $f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + a_j \alpha + b_j$, $j = 1, \ldots, k$, where z is the uniformizing coordinate of the torus. We will deal with the case gen(f) = 0 in Section 5.

4. Classification of pencils with empty tangency set

In this section, we will deal with pencils \mathcal{P} over a compact complex surface X such that $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$. We begin with the following result extracted from [11, Theorem 2].

PROPOSITION 4.1. — Let \mathcal{P} be a pencil with empty tangency set, defined on a compact complex surface. Then \mathcal{P} is flat.

LEMMA 4.2. — If there exists a pencil on X with empty tangency set then X is a minimal surface, that is, X does not contain smooth rational curves with self-intersection -1.

Proof. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ be a pencil on X such that $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$ and assume that X is not minimal. Then X contains a rational and smooth curve C such that $C \cdot C = -1$. From equation (3.2), $\mathcal{O}_X[\Delta(\mathcal{P})] = T^*_{\mathcal{F}} \otimes N_{\mathcal{G}}$ $= \mathcal{O}_X$, hence $T_{\mathcal{F}} = N_{\mathcal{G}}$. Therefore

(4.1)
$$T_{\mathcal{F}} = N_{\mathcal{F}} = N_{\mathcal{G}}.$$

Now, if C were invariant by \mathcal{F} then, by equation (4.1) and the intersection formulas [5, p. 25] we would have

$$T_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = \mathcal{X}(C) - Z(\mathcal{F}, C) = 2 = N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = C \cdot C + Z(\mathcal{F}, C) = -1,$$

which is a contradiction. Analogously, if C were invariant by \mathcal{G} then $2 = N_{\mathcal{G}} \cdot C = T_{\mathcal{G}} \cdot C = -1$, again a contradiction. Thus C is neither invariant by \mathcal{F} nor \mathcal{G} , therefore

(4.2)
$$T_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = C \cdot C - \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C) = N_{\mathcal{G}} \cdot C = \mathcal{X}(C) - \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{G}, C).$$

As $T_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot C = C \cdot C - \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C) = T_{\mathcal{G}} \cdot C = C \cdot C - \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C)$, we have $\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, C) = \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{G}, C)$. Then in equation (4.2) we obtain $C \cdot C = -1$ = $\mathcal{X}(C) = 2$, again a contradiction. Thus, X is minimal.

LEMMA 4.3. — Let \mathcal{P} be a pencil with empty tangency set, on a compact complex surface X. Let $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}$ and let \mathcal{H} be a foliation tangent to a fibration whose generic fibers are \mathcal{F} -transversal. Then $\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{P}$.

Proof. — Let F be a regular fiber of \mathcal{H} , not invariant by \mathcal{F} , such that $\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, F) = 0$. Given $p \in F$, by Lemma 3.5, there exists a system of coordinates (x, y, U), with $p \in U$ and x(p) = y(p) = 0, where \mathcal{P} is defined on U by $dx + \alpha dy$. Hence $T_p X = \langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \rangle$, then there exists $\beta \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$ such that $\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\beta}, \mathcal{H}) > 0$. We claim that F is invariant by \mathcal{F}_{β} . Otherwise,

$$\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\beta}, F) = F \cdot F - T_{\mathcal{F}_{\beta}} \cdot F = F \cdot F - T_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot F = \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}, F) = 0,$$

 \square

a contradiction. Therefore, $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{F}_{\beta}$.

LEMMA 4.4. — Let \mathcal{P} be a pencil with empty tangency set, on a compact complex surface X. Then \mathcal{P} does not contain foliations tangent to rational fibrations.

Proof. — Let $\mathcal{F}_{\beta} \in \mathcal{P}$ be tangent to a rational fibration φ . Then, for any $\alpha \neq \beta$, \mathcal{F}_{α} is a Riccati foliation relative to φ . Take a fiber F of φ , then there exists a system of coordinates (x, y, U) such that $F \subset U \simeq D \times \mathbb{P}^1$ such that the projections $\pi_1 : D \times \mathbb{P}^1 \to D$ and $\pi_2 : D \times \mathbb{P}^1 \to \mathbb{P}^1$ define $\mathcal{F}_{\beta}|_U$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}|_U$, respectively. Hence, the pencil \mathcal{P} on U is defined by the 1-form $dx + \alpha dy$, which has a non-empty tangency set, as Example 3.1 shows. \Box

The following Theorem 4.5 fully characterizes the compact surfaces which possess a pencil with empty tangency set.

THEOREM 4.5. — Let X be a compact complex surface which admits a pencil with empty tangency set. Then X is either a torus or a Hopf surface.

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Proof. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ be a pencil on X such that $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$. From equation (4.1), $T_{\mathcal{F}} = N_{\mathcal{G}} = N_{\mathcal{F}}$. Since $K_X = T_{\mathcal{F}}^* \otimes N_{\mathcal{F}}^*$, $K_X = N_{\mathcal{F}}^* \otimes N_{\mathcal{F}}^*$, which in turn implies $c_1(X) = 2c_1(N_{\mathcal{F}})$ (cf. [3, p. 571]). On the other hand, $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$ implies $\operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \emptyset$, for all $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$, so

$$0 = BB(\mathcal{F}) = N_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = \frac{1}{4}c_1(X)^2,$$

where the second equality follows from equation (2.2). Moreover, from equation (2.1), we obtain

$$(4.3) c_2(X) = m(\mathcal{F}) - BB(\mathcal{F}) + N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot K_X = N_{\mathcal{F}} \cdot K_X = -2N_{\mathcal{F}}^2 = 0.$$

Thus, from Lemma 4.2, X is a minimal surface with $c_1^2(X) = c_2(X) = 0$. By Kodaira's Compact Surfaces Classification Theorem [1, Theorem 1.1] we obtain Kod(X) < 2.

From [3, the proof of Theorem 1.1], Inoue surfaces just admit at most two regular foliations, so they cannot contain a pencil of foliations with empty tangency set. Therefore X is not an Inoue surface.

Now assume that X is neither a torus nor a Hopf surface. Then from Theorem 1.1 and Lemma 4.3, there exists a foliation $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{P}$ which is an elliptic fibration, that is, \mathcal{F}_{α} is tangent to an elliptic fibration $\varphi : X \to S$, where S is either an elliptic curve or isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^1 . Note that, given any $\mathcal{F}_{\beta} \in \mathcal{P}, \ \beta \neq \alpha, \ \mathcal{F}_{\beta}$ is transversal to φ . Thus φ is a principal fiber bundle with locally constant transition functions. From [1, p 197], since X is not a torus, S is not an elliptic curve and $S = \mathbb{P}^1$.

Given $\mathcal{F}_{\beta} \in \mathcal{P}$, the holonomy group of \mathcal{F}_{β} is also trivial, because $\Pi_1(\mathbb{P}^1)$ is trivial. This implies that for any leaf L of \mathcal{F}_{β} , $\varphi|_L : L \to \mathbb{P}^1$ is a biholomorphism. Therefore \mathcal{F}_{β} is a rational fibration, a contradiction with Lemma 4.4.

THEOREM 4.6. — Let \mathcal{P} be a pencil of foliations with empty tangency set, on a compact complex surface X. Then X is either a torus or a Hopf surface and \mathcal{P} is generated by linear foliations.

Proof. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$. By Theorem 4.5, X is either a torus or a Hopf surface. First we assume that X is a torus. By Proposition 2.1, there exists a covering $\pi : \mathbb{C}^2 \to X$ such that \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are induced by the closed 1-forms $\omega = b(x)dx + dy$ and $\eta = c(x)dx + dy$, respectively, where b and c are either constants or elliptic functions. Let x_0 be a regular point of b and c, then there exists a neighborhood U of $\pi(x_0, 0)$ such that

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) \cap U = \{\pi(x, y) \in U : b(x) = c(x)\} = \emptyset.$$

Since $b(x) \neq c(x)$, b and c must be both constants and, in particular, \mathcal{P} is a pencil generated by linear foliations.

Now assume that X is a Hopf surface. Note that X is not elliptic, that is, it does not admit an elliptic fibration, otherwise by [3, p. 585], \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} would be defined in a neighborhood of $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ by a quasihomogeneous vector field, so $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) \neq \emptyset$. Since X is not elliptic, by [3, p. 586], in $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ each foliation is either linear or can be extended to a foliation with a saddlepoint singularity at the origin, which cannot be possible since the tangency set is non-empty.

Theorems 4.5 and 4.6 imply that the only surfaces which admit pencils with empty tangency set are tori and Hopf surfaces. We now characterize $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ for pencils with empty tangency set defined on these surfaces.

The following Corollary 4.7 is consequence from Proposition 2.2.

COROLLARY 4.7. — Let X is a torus and let \mathcal{P} be a pencil on X with empty tangency set. If $\#I_p(\mathcal{P}) \ge 3$ then $X = E \times E$, with $E = \mathbb{C}/\langle 1, \tau \rangle$ and $I_p(\mathcal{P}) \setminus \{\infty\}$ is either \mathbb{Q} or $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$, only up to a reparametrization of the parameter space of the pencil.

The following Corollary 4.8 is consequence of Proposition 2.3.

COROLLARY 4.8. — Let X be a Hopf surface and let \mathcal{P} be a pencil on X with empty tangency set. Then $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ is empty.

5. Classification of pencils with invariant and non-empty tangency set

The following Lemma 5.1 can be found in [10, Lemma 3.2.1].

LEMMA 5.1. — Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} be foliations on a compact complex surface X with isolated singularities and isomorphic tangent bundles. Assume that \mathcal{F} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to S$, where S is a compact Riemann surface. Thus,

- (1) If gen(f) = 0 then $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}$.
- (2) If gen(f) = 1 and $\mathcal{F} \neq \mathcal{G}$ then \mathcal{G} is turbulent relative to f.
- (3) If $gen(f) \ge 2$ and $\mathcal{F} \ne \mathcal{G}$ then $Tang(\mathcal{G}, F) > 0$, for any regular fiber F of f, non-invariant by \mathcal{G} .

PROPOSITION 5.2. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f: X \to S$. If $\infty \in IS(\mathcal{P})$ then gen $(f) \ge 1$. In addition: (1) If gen(f) = 1 then there exist $c_1, \ldots, c_k \in S$ such that

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k f^{-1}(c_j).$$

(2) If $gen(f) \ge 2$ then $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ must have a non-invariant component. In particular, $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant if, and only if, gen(f) = 1.

Proof. — Without loss of generality we may assume that 0 also belongs to $IS(\mathcal{P})$. As $\mathcal{F}_0 \neq \mathcal{F}_\infty$, by Lemma 5.1, we obtain that $gen(f) \ge 1$.

Let $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, there exists a regular fiber F, non-invariant by \mathcal{F}_{α} , such that $F \cap \Delta(\mathcal{P}) \neq \emptyset$ and $F \cap \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \emptyset$. This implies that

(5.1)
$$\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, F) > 0.$$

Assume gen(f) = 1. We claim that every component C of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is contained in some fiber of f. Assume otherwise, so C is a non-invariant component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$. On the other hand,

$$F \cdot F - \operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, F) = T_{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}} \cdot F = T_{\mathcal{F}_{\infty}} \cdot F = \chi(F) - Z(\mathcal{F}_{\infty}, F) = 0,$$

where the last equality follows since gen(F) = 1 and $F \cap Sing(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) = \emptyset$. Hence $Tang(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, F) = 0$, a contradiction with (5.1). Therefore, any component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is contained in some fiber of f, so there exist $c_1, \ldots, c_k \in S$ such that

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{k} f^{-1}(c_j).$$

Now assume that $gen(f) \ge 2$, and let F be a generic regular fiber of f, non-invariant by \mathcal{F}_{α} . If $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant, then there exist $c_1, \ldots, c_k \in S$ such that

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^{k} f^{-1}(c_j) \text{ and } F \cap \Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset.$$

In particular, $\operatorname{Tang}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, F) = 0$, again a contradiction with (5.1). This implies item (2).

COROLLARY 5.3. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to S$. If $\infty \in IS(\mathcal{P})$ then the following are equivalent:

(2) $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant,

(3) there exist
$$c_1, \ldots, c_k \in S$$
 such that $\Delta(\mathcal{P}) \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k f^{-1}(c_j)$.

⁽¹⁾ gen(f) = 1,

In particular, in this case, \mathcal{P} is transversal to f.

LEMMA 5.4. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to S$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. Let $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$ such that $Z(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, C) \ge 1$, for all components C of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$, \mathcal{F}_{α} has a meromorphic local first integral in every singularity, and G_{α} is finite. Then $\alpha \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$.

Proof. — By [8], to prove that $\alpha \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$, it is enough to prove that \mathcal{F}_{α} has infinitely many compact invariant curves. Let L be a leaf of \mathcal{F}_{α} not contained in $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$. We assert that $\overline{L} \setminus L \subset \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha})$. Take $x \in \overline{L} \setminus L$. Since G_{α} is finite, there exists a component C of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ such that $x \in C$. Now $Z(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}, C) \geq 1$ implies that $C \cap \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}) \neq \emptyset$. Let $p \in C \cap \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha})$, then, using our hypotheses, \mathcal{F}_{α} has a meromorphic first integral defined on a neighborhood U of p. We may assume, without loss of generality, that $x \in U$, hence $x \in \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha})$.

PROPOSITION 5.5. — Let $\mathcal{P} = {\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}_{\alpha, \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to S$. If $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant then gen $(f) \leq 1$. Moreover, let $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, $\alpha \neq \infty$.

- (1) If gen(f) = 0 then $\infty \notin IS(\mathcal{P})$ and \mathcal{F}_{α} is a Riccati foliation with respect to f.
- (2) If gen(f) = 1 then \mathcal{F}_{α} is a turbulent foliation relative to f.

Proof. — On the contrary, assume that $gen(f) \ge 2$. Since $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant, \mathcal{P} is transversal to f. From Section 3.4, given $\gamma \in \Pi_1(W, c)$, we obtain the holomorphic map

$$F_{\gamma}: IS(\mathcal{P}) \setminus \{\infty\} \times T_c \to T_c, \quad F_{\gamma}(\alpha, p) = \operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}(\gamma)(p),$$

where $\operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}$ is the holonomy representation. Note that $F_{\gamma}(\alpha, \cdot)$ does not depend on α , as $\operatorname{Aut}(T_c)$ is finite. In particular, if $\alpha, \beta \in IS(\mathcal{P}) \setminus \{\infty\}$ then their global holonomy groups coincide. Using the same argument as [10, p. 34] we obtain a neighborhood V of β such that $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha} = \mathcal{F}_{\beta}$, for all $\alpha \in V$. This is a contradiction.

Finally, items (1) and (2) follow from the fact that \mathcal{P} is transversal to f.

From now on $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\infty}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ is a flat pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f: X \to S$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant and non-empty. From Proposition 5.5, $\operatorname{gen}(f) \leq 1$. Theorem 1.2 deals with the case when $\operatorname{gen}(f) = 1$. We now consider the case when

gen(f) = 0. Under this condition, the following proposition provides an explicit form of the elements of the global holonomy group.

THEOREM 5.6. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a flat pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral f : $X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. If gen(f) = 0 then, for any $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, the global holonomy group G_{α} of \mathcal{F}_{α} is finitely generated by $f_{1,\alpha}, \ldots, f_{k,\alpha}$, where these generators could be either

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + a_j \alpha + b_j, \qquad \forall \ j = 1, \dots, k,$$

or

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))z, \qquad \forall \ j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Proof. — We will follow the notations used in Section 3.4. Since $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant, \mathcal{P} is transversal to f and, as gen(f) = 0, \mathcal{F}_{α} is a Riccati foliation, for all $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$. In addition, since $\infty \notin IS(\mathcal{P})$, there exists a component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ contained in Sing (\mathcal{F}_{∞}) and

$$\Delta(\mathcal{P}) = \sum_{j=1}^{k} n_j \left[f^{-1}(c_j) \right] + \sum_{s=1}^{l} C'_s,$$

for $j = 1, \ldots, k$, and $C'_s \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\infty})$, for $s = 1, \ldots, l$.

Now assume, without loss of generality, that $0 \in IS(\mathcal{P})$. From now on, for each $c \in W$, with W as in Section 3.4, T_c will denote the level curve $f^{-1}(c)$. Fix $j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$, then there exists a neighborhood $D_j \subset W$ of c_j such that

$$f^{-1}(D_j) \simeq D_j \times T_{c_j} \ni (x, y),$$

where $T_{c_j} \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$. Moreover, since \mathcal{F}_0 is transversal to f, we may assume that the projections $\pi_1 : D_j \times T_{c_j} \to D_j$ and $\pi_2 : D_j \times T_{c_j} \to T_{c_j}$ respectively define the foliations \mathcal{F}_∞ and \mathcal{F}_0 on $D_j \times T_{c_j}$. In particular, dx = 0 and dy = 0 respectively represent \mathcal{F}_∞ and \mathcal{F}_0 on $D_j \times T_{c_j}$.

We now look for an explicit expression for the generators of G_{α} . For this, fix $c \in W$. We first consider the case when $c \in D_j$. Recall that $f_{j,\alpha} = \operatorname{Hol}_{\alpha}(\gamma)$, for some curve $\gamma \in \Pi_1(W,c)$. Now $c \in D_j$ implies that $f_{j,\alpha}$ coincides with the holonomy of \mathcal{F}_{α} around T_{c_j} . Since \mathcal{F}_{α} is a Riccati foliation, from the construction done in Section 3.4, there exists an open covering $\{U_n\}_{n=1}^m$ of $\tilde{\gamma}([0,1])$, where $\tilde{\gamma}$ is a lifting of γ , such that $D_1, D_m \subset$ $D, U_n \simeq D_n \times \mathbb{P}^1, D_n$ is holomorphic to a disc in \mathbb{C} , and $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}|_{U_n}$ is given by

(5.2)
$$\omega_{\alpha} = dy + \alpha P(x, y) dx,$$

where $P(x,y) = \sum_{i=0}^{r} a_i(x)y^i$, $r \leq 2$ and $a_i(x)$ holomorphic, for $i = 0, \ldots, r$.

From equation (5.2) we obtain $d\omega_{\alpha} = \theta \wedge \omega_{\alpha}$, with $\theta = \frac{P_y}{P}dy$, for all $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$. Since \mathcal{P} is flat, there exist $(\nu_0, \nu_1, \nu_2) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ and a holomorphic a(x) such that $a_i(x) = \nu_i a(x)$, $i = 0, \ldots, r$. This in turn implies that $P(x, y) = a(x)p_2(y)$, where $p_2(y)$ is a polynomial with degree at most two. Moreover, $d\omega_{\alpha} = \theta \wedge \omega_{\alpha}$, with $\theta = \frac{p'_2(y)}{p_2(y)}dy$, for all $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}$. Thus, after a change of coordinates in the fiber, we have two possibilities, either $C_1 = \{y = \infty\} \subset \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\infty})$ is a component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ with multiplicity 2, or $C_1 = \{y = 0\}$ and $C_2 = \{y = \infty\}$ are invariant components of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ with multiplicity 1, and $C_1, C_2 \subset \operatorname{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_{\infty})$. We now address these two cases separately:

(1) If $C_1 = \{y = \infty\}$ is a component of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ with multiplicity 2 then $p_2(y) = \lambda$, for some $\lambda \neq 0$. In addition,

$$\omega_0 + \alpha \omega_\infty = d\left(y + \alpha \lambda \int_{x_0}^x a(t)dt\right) = d(Y_n + \alpha X_n),$$

where

(5.3)
$$Y_n(x,y) = y + \text{constant},$$

for all $n = 1, \ldots, m$. Now, from equation (3.4),

$$f_{j,\alpha}|_{\Sigma_0}(q_0) = Y_m^{-1}(\lambda Y_1(q_0) + a\alpha + b)$$

and from equation (5.3), we obtain

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + a_j \alpha + b_j.$$

(2) If $C_1 = \{y = 0\}$ and $C_2 = \{y = \infty\}$ are invariant components of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ with multiplicity 1, then $p_2(y) = y$. In addition,

$$\frac{\omega_0 + \alpha \omega_\infty}{y} = \frac{dy}{y} + \alpha a(x)dx = d\left(Y_n + \alpha X_n\right),$$

where $Y_n|_{\Sigma_n}(y) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))y$, for $n = 1, \ldots, m$. This implies $f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))z$.

On the other hand, when $c \notin D_j$, $f_{j,\alpha}$ is conjugated to one of the expressions obtained on items (1) and (2). Therefore, since $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant and \mathcal{F}_{α} is a Riccati foliation,

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + a_j \alpha + b_j, \qquad \forall \ j = 1, \dots, k,$$

or

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))z, \qquad \forall \ j = 1, \dots, k.$$

LEMMA 5.7. — Let $\mathcal{P} = {\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. Assume also that, for all $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, the global holonomy group of \mathcal{F}_{α} is given by

$$G_{\alpha} = \langle f_{j,\alpha} \rangle$$
, with $f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + a_j \alpha + b_j$, $j = 1, \dots, k$.

If $\#(I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})) \ge 2$ then G_α is finite, for all $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$.

Proof. — Without loss of generality we may assume that $0 \in I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$ and

 $\begin{array}{l} G_{\alpha} = \langle \lambda_{1}z + a_{1}\alpha + b_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n}z + a_{n}\alpha + b_{n}, z + a_{n+1}\alpha + b_{n+1}, \ldots, z + a_{k}\alpha + b_{k} \rangle \\ \text{where } \lambda_{j} \neq 1, \text{ for } j \leqslant n. \text{ Since } 0 \in I_{p}(\mathcal{P}), f_{j,0} \text{ has finite order, for all } j, \lambda_{j} \\ \text{ is a root of unity, for all } j \leqslant n, \text{ and } b_{j} = 0, \text{ for } j \geqslant n+1. \text{ Besides, as } G_{0} \text{ is } \\ \text{abelian, the generators } f_{j,0} \text{ have a common fixed point } \frac{b_{j}}{1-\lambda_{j}}, \text{ which does } \\ \text{ not depend on } j. \text{ Now take } \beta \in I_{p}(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P}), \beta \neq 0, \text{ which exists, by } \\ \text{hypotheses. Note that, for all } j \geqslant n+1, \beta a_{j} = 0, \text{ which implies } a_{j} = 0. \text{ Since } \\ G_{\beta} \text{ is abelian, the common fixed point } \frac{\beta a_{j} + b_{j}}{1-\lambda_{j}} \text{ of } f_{j,\beta} \text{ does not depend on } j. \\ \text{This in turn implies that } \frac{a_{j}}{1-\lambda_{j}} \text{ also does not depend on } j. \text{ In particular, for } \\ \text{any } \alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P}), G_{\alpha} \text{ is abelian, because } \frac{a_{j}}{1-\lambda_{j}} \text{ and } \frac{b_{j}}{1-\lambda_{j}} \text{ do not depend on } j. \\ \text{We conclude that } G_{\alpha} \text{ is finite, for all } \alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P}), \text{ because } G_{\alpha} \text{ is an abelian } \\ \text{group, finitely generated, whose all its elements have finite order.} \\ \end{array}$

THEOREM 5.8. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a flat pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. If gen(f) = 0 then X is a rational surface where one of the following hold:

- (1) $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ is finite,
- (2) $IS(\mathcal{P}) \subset I_p(\mathcal{P})$, or
- (3) there exist $\beta \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ such that

$$I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P}) = (\lambda \mathbb{Q} + \beta) \cap IS(\mathcal{P}).$$

Proof. — We can suppose that every fiber of f is regular, up to blowingdown $\pi : X \to X_1$ [1, p. 142]. In particular, $g = f \circ \pi^{-1} : X_1 \to \mathbb{P}^1$ is an holomorphic fiber bundle with typical fiber \mathbb{P}^1 and X_1 is a n^{th} Hirzebruch surface [1, p. 141]. Therefore X is rational, because X_1 is birrationally equivalent to \mathbb{P}^2 .

By Theorem 5.6, for any $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, the holonomy group $G_{\alpha} = \langle f_{1,\alpha}, \ldots, f_{k,\alpha} \rangle$ is determined by either

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$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + \alpha a_j + b_j, \qquad \forall \ j \in \{1, \dots, k\},$$

or

$$f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))z, \qquad \forall \ j \in \{1, \dots, k\}.$$

Assume that $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ is infinite. In particular $I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$ is also infinite and, without loss of generality, we also may assume that $0 \in I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$.

We divide our analysis in two cases. First assume that $f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \lambda_j z + \alpha a_j + b_j$, for all j = 1, ..., k. Fix $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$. By Lemma 5.7 G_α is finite. Moreover, following [5, the proof of Proposition 2], since $0 \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$, \mathcal{F}_α is a Riccati foliation and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant, \mathcal{F}_α has local first integral on their singularities and $Z(\mathcal{F}_\alpha, C) \ge 1$, for every component C of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$. Therefore, by Lemma 5.4, $\alpha \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$.

On the other hand, assume that $f_{j,\alpha}(z) = \exp(2\pi i(\mu_j \alpha + \nu_j))z,$ $j = 1, \ldots, k$. In this case:

- (1) If $\mu_j = 0$ for all j = 1, ..., k, take $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P})$. Since $0 \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$, $\nu_j \in \mathbb{Q}$, for all j = 1, ..., k, and G_{α} is finite. Since \mathcal{F}_{α} has a meromorphic local first integral in each singularity and $Z(\alpha, C) \ge 1$, for all component C of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$, from Lemma 5.4, $\alpha \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$.
- (2) If there exists $j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$ such that $\mu_j \neq 0$ then we may assume, without loss of generality, that $\mu_j \neq 0$, for $j = 1, \ldots, r$ and $\mu_j = 0$, for $j = r + 1, \ldots, k$. Fix $\beta \in I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$, so G_β is finite and $\mu_j \beta + \nu_j \in \mathbb{Q}$, for all $j = 1, \ldots, r$. Let $\alpha \in IS(\mathcal{P}), \alpha \neq \beta$, then

 G_{α} is finite \iff

$$\mu_j(\alpha - \beta) + \mu_j\beta + \nu_j = \mu_j\alpha + \nu_j \in \mathbb{Q}, \ \forall \ j = 1, \dots, r,$$
$$\iff \mu_j(\alpha - \beta) \in \mathbb{Q}, \ \forall \ j = 1, \dots, r,$$

In particular, for $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, r\}$, we obtain $\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_i} \in \mathbb{Q}$, that is,

$$(\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_r) = \mu_1(1, q_2, \ldots, q_r),$$

where $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$, for i = 2, ..., r. The implies, even when $\alpha = \beta$, that

$$G_{\alpha} \text{ is finite } \iff \mu_j(\alpha - \beta) \in \mathbb{Q}, \forall \ j = 1, \dots, r,$$
$$\iff \mu_1(\alpha - \beta) \in \mathbb{Q}$$
$$\iff \alpha \in \mu_1^{-1}\mathbb{Q} + \beta.$$

In particular, if $\alpha \in I_p(\mathcal{P}) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$ then $\alpha \in \mu_1^{-1}\mathbb{Q} + \beta$. Now take $\alpha \in (\mu_1^{-1}\mathbb{Q} + \beta) \cap IS(\mathcal{P})$, hence G_α is finite. Since \mathcal{F}_α has a

meromorphic local first integral in each singularity and $Z(\alpha, C) \ge 1$, for every component C of $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$, from Lemma 5.4, $\alpha \in I_p(\mathcal{P})$.

When $\infty \in IS(\mathcal{P}) \cap I_p(\mathcal{P})$ and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant, from Theorem 1.2, we obtain the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 5.9. — Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{C}}}$ be a flat pencil on a compact complex surface X such that \mathcal{F}_{∞} is reduced and has an holomorphic first integral $f : X \to S$, and $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant. If $\infty \in IS(\mathcal{P})$ and is a limit point of $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ then:

(1) If $K_X \neq 0$ then there exist $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$ and $a \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$I_p(\mathcal{P}) = (\lambda(\mathbb{Q} \oplus \tau \mathbb{Q}) + a) \cup \{\infty\},\$$

where τ is either *i* or $e^{2\pi i/3}$.

(2) If $K_X = 0$ and gen(S) = 0 then X is an algebraic torus. Moreover, assume $X = E \times E$, where E is an elliptic curve, then

$$I_p(\mathcal{P}) = \operatorname{End}(E) \otimes \mathbb{Q}.$$

Proof. — Since $\Delta(\mathcal{P})$ is invariant and $\infty \in IS(\mathcal{P})$, by Corollary 5.3, gen(f) = 1. On the other hand, from the fact that \mathcal{F}_{∞} is reduced and $I_p(\mathcal{P})$ has a limit point at ∞ , we obtain that there exists a neighborhood U of ∞ such that, for any $\alpha \in U$, \mathcal{F}_{α} has reduced singularities and holomorphic first integral. We now take any $\beta \in U$ such that $\mathcal{F}_{\beta} \neq \mathcal{F}_{\infty}$. By Theorem 1.2, the Proposition 5.9 follows.

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