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Let K be a field, x, y_1, \dots, y_n variables over K , and let $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m \in xK[[x]]$ be power series in x which are algebraically independent over $K(x)$. Let $f \in K[x, y_1, \dots, y_n, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_m]$ be algebraically independent over $K(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$. Then $f \in K[y_1, \dots, y_n][[x]]$ can be approximated by polynomials $r_t \in K[x, y_1, \dots, y_n]$ so that $f - r_t \in x^t K[y_1, \dots, y_n][[x]]$. Set for all $t \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$f_t = x^{-t}(f - r_t) \in K[y_1, \dots, y_n][[x]]$$

and

$$B = K[x, y_1, \dots, y_n, f_t \mid t \in \mathbb{N}]_{\mathfrak{n}}$$

where \mathfrak{n} is the contraction of the maximal ideal ideal of $K[[x, y_1, \dots, y_n]]$. Depending on a flatness condition on algebras essentially of finite type over K , the ring B is Noetherian or not. We show that in all cases B is a coherent and regular ring in the sense that every finitely generated submodule of a free B -module has a finite free resolution. (Received August 28, 2005)