

where $b_1, \dots, b_n \geq 2$, $-E^2 =$ the number of branches ($= n$), the lengths of all branches are equal ($= t \geq 1$), and $\bigcirc = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(ii) Let (X, x) be a numerically Gorenstein singularity with \mathbb{C}^* -action. Then we have:

(ii-a) (X, x) is Gorenstein if and only if $tR \sim t \sum_{i=1}^n P_i$;

(ii-b) (X, x) is a maximally elliptic singularity if and only if $R \sim \sum_{i=1}^n P_i$, where $\mathcal{O}(R)$ is the conormal sheaf of E in \tilde{X} , $P_i = E \cap A_{i,1}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), and “ \sim ” means two divisors are linearly equivalent on E .

(iii) Let (X, x) be a maximally elliptic singularity with \mathbb{C}^* -action whose w.d. graph is given as in (i). Then the $\text{emb dim}(X, x)$ ($=$ embedding dimension of (X, x)) $= \max(3, -Z^2)$, where $-Z^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - 1)$.

Yau [7, Theorem 2.4] had obtained a fine condition for numerically Gorenstein elliptic singularities to be maximally elliptic. We can prove (ii-b) directly from his result. However, we give a different proof for it by using results about surface singularities with \mathbb{C}^* -action. For (iii), we also give a minimal generator system of the affine graded ring of (X, x) in terms of the elliptic functions on E . On the other hand, for every numerically Gorenstein elliptic singularity with \mathbb{C}^* -action whose central curve is \mathbb{P}^1 , Tomari [4] had already proved that it is always a maximally elliptic singularity.

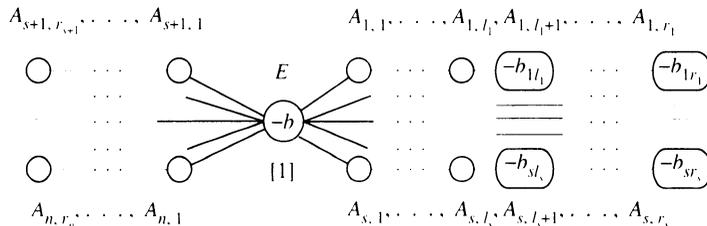
Before we prove Theorem 1.2, we prepare a fact. Let A be the exceptional set of a resolution of a normal surface singularity. For a cycle D on A , $\chi(D)$ is given by $-\frac{1}{2}(D^2 + K_{\tilde{X}}D)$ (see [8, p. 272]), where $K_{\tilde{X}}$ is the canonical divisor on \tilde{X} . Let Z be the fundamental cycle on A . Assume $0 \leq D < Z$. Then, in the same way as in Laufer’s computation sequence, we can choose a sequence of cycles $Z_0 = D$, $Z_1 = Z_0 + A_{i_1}$, \dots , $Z_l = Z$ such that $Z_i A_{i+1} > 0$ for any i . Then, by the adjunction formula on algebraic curves, we have $\chi(Z_{i+1}) = \chi(Z_i + A_{i+1}) = \chi(Z_i) + \chi(A_{i+1}) - Z_i A_{i+1} = \chi(Z_i) + 1 - g_{i+1} - Z_i A_{i+1} \leq \chi(Z_i)$ for any i , where g_{i+1} is the genus of A_{i+1} . Hence we have

$$(1.1) \quad \chi(D) \geq \chi(Z_1) \geq \dots \geq \chi(Z_i) \geq \dots \geq \chi(Z).$$

2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

In this section, for a real number a , we put $[a] := \max\{n \in \mathbb{Z} | n \leq a\}$ and $\{a\} := \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z} | n \geq a\}$.

(i) Suppose that (X, x) is numerically Gorenstein. Let s be the number of the branches that contain an irreducible component whose intersection number is greater than two. Then the w.d. graph of A is given as



where $b_{1,l_1}, \dots, b_{l_s, l_s} \geq 3$, $r_i > l_i \geq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $l_i + 1 = r_i$ for $i = s + 1, \dots, n$. Let $D_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{r_i} A_{i,j}$. Then $(E + D_1)A_{i,j} \leq 0$ for any i, j . By the adjunction formula we have $\chi(E) = 0$. Since there is a sequence from E to Z passing through $E + D_1$ as in (1.1) and (X, x) is an elliptic

singularity, we have $0 = \chi(E) \geq \chi(E + D_1) \geq \chi(Z) = 0$ from (1.1). Then $\chi(E + D_1) = 0$, so $0 = \chi(E + E + D_1) = \chi(E) + \chi(E + D_1) - E(E + D_1) = -E(E + D_1)$. Then $Z = E + D_1$ is the fundamental cycle on A . Further $ZE = 0$ and $b = -E^2 = ED_1 = n$.

Now let $\{Z, Z_{B_1}, \dots, Z_{B_t} = E\}$ be the elliptic sequence for (X, x) . From the proof of Theorem 3.7 in [8], we can see that (X_{B_i}, x) (= the contraction of B_i in \tilde{X}) is a numerically Gorenstein elliptic singularity. If $l_1 = \dots = l_n$ does not hold, the number of the branches of $(X_{B_{i-1}}, x)$ is less than $b = -E^2$. This contradicts the above fact, so $l_1 = \dots = l_n$ ($:= l$) and $t = l + 1$. It is easy to see that $Z_{B_1} = E + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l A_{i,j}$. Then, by Theorem 3.7 in [8] we have

$$-K = (t + 1)E + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^l (l - j + 2)A_{i,j} + \sum_{j=l+1}^{r_i} A_{i,j} \right\}.$$

If $r_i \geq l + 2$ for some i , then $-KA_{i,t+1} = A_{i,t+1}^2 + 3$ by the above formula. On the other hand, $-KA_{i,t+1} = A_{i,t+1}^2 + 2$ by the adjunction formula. This is a contradiction, so $r_1 = \dots = r_n = l + 1$.

Conversely, if the w.d. graph is given as in (i), then we can easily check that $-K$ is given as

$$-K = (t + 1)E + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^t (t - j + 1)A_{i,j}.$$

(ii-a) Since (X, x) has a \mathbb{C}^* -action, the w.d. graph of (X, x) is a star-shaped graph as in (i). From

$$2 - \frac{1}{\dots} = \frac{tb_i - t + 1}{(t - 1)b_i - t + 2}$$

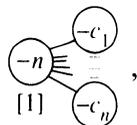
$$t - 1 \quad - \frac{1}{2 - \frac{1}{b_i}}$$

and Corollary 2.9 in [6], (X, x) is Gorenstein if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{tb_i - t}{tb_i - t + 1} P_i \sim a \left(R - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(t - 1)b_i - t + 2}{tb_i - t + 1} P_i \right)$$

for an integer a . Then $a = t$, so (X, x) is Gorenstein if and only if $tR \sim t \sum_{i=1}^n P_i$.

(ii-b) Suppose that (X, x) is a maximally elliptic singularity. Let $\{Z, Z_{B_1}, \dots, Z_{B_t} = E\}$ be the elliptic sequence of (X, x) . From the definition of maximally elliptic singularities, (X_{B_i}, x) is a maximally elliptic singularity for any i and is Gorenstein from Theorem 3.11 in [8]. Let us consider $(X_{B_{i-1}}, x)$. Then the w.d. graph is given by



where $c_i = 2$ (resp. $c_i = b_i$) if $t > 1$ (resp. $t = 1$) for any i . From (ii-a), $R \sim \sum_{i=1}^n P_i$.

Conversely we assume that $R \sim \sum_{i=1}^n P_i$. From Theorem 5.7 in [2], $p_g(X, x)$ is given by $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \dim_{\mathbb{C}} H^1(E, \mathcal{O}(D^{(k)}))$, where

$$D^{(k)} = k \sum_{i=1}^n P_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{k((t-1)b_i - t + 2)}{tb_i - t + 1} \right\} P_i.$$

Therefore, by using the Riemann-Roch Theorem for algebraic curves we can easily check that $p_g(X, x) = t + 1 =$ the length of the elliptic sequence of (X, x) .

(iii) From Theorem 5.1 in [2], the affine graded ring of (X, x) is given by

$$R_X := \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\infty} H^0 \left(E, \mathcal{O} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{ke_i}{d_i} \right] \cdot P_i \right) \right) \cdot u^k,$$

where $d_i = tb_i - t + 1$, $e_i = b_i - 1$, and $P_i = E \cap A_i$.

First we consider the case of $n = 1$. R_X is generated by $\{t, f_k u^{\{d_1 k/e_1\}} | k = 2, 3, \dots\}$, where f_k is a meromorphic function on E which has a pole only at P_1 and the order is k . The semigroup \mathbb{H} associated to P_1 is $\{2, 3, \dots\}$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \left\{ k \in \mathbb{H} \mid \left\{ \frac{d_1 k}{e_1} \right\} < \left\{ \frac{d_1 i}{e_1} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{d_1(k-i)}{e_1} \right\} \text{ for any } i \in \mathbb{H} \text{ with } 0 < i < k \right\} \\ &= \left\{ k \in \mathbb{H} \mid \left\{ \frac{k}{b_1 - 1} \right\} < \left\{ \frac{i}{b_1 - 1} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{k-i}{b_1 - 1} \right\} \text{ for any } i \text{ with } 2 \leq i < k \right\} \\ &= \{2, 3, \dots, b_1 - 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

We can easily check that if $b_1 \geq 4$, $\{t, f_k u^{\{d_1 k/e_1\}} | k \in I\}$ is a minimal generator system of R_X . Then $\text{emb dim}(X, x)$ is $b_1 - 1$. If $b_1 = 2$ or 3 , then it is easy to check that $\text{emb dim}(X, x)$ is 3 .

Next we consider the case $n \geq 2$ and $\text{emb dim}(X, x) \geq 4$. Let f_i be a meromorphic function on E which has poles only at two points P_1 and P_i and whose order is one ($i = 2, \dots, n$). Let $f_{i,k}$ be a meromorphic function on E which has a pole only at P_i and the order is k ($i = 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 2, 3, \dots$). From a similar consideration as above we can see that the elements of the following set constitutes a minimal generator system of R_X :

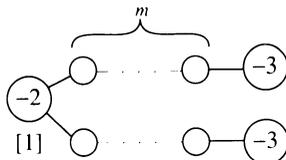
$$\{t, f_i u^{t+1} | 2 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{f_{i,k} u^{\{d_i k/e_i\}} | 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } 2 \leq k \leq b_i - 1\}.$$

Hence $\text{emb dim}(X, x) = \max(3, \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - 1))$. \square

Example 2.1. (i) Let $(Y, y) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 | x^2 + y^6 + z^{6m+9} = 0\}$. Let G be the Veronese group of order 4 for (Y, y) (see [5]). Namely, G is a cyclic group generated by

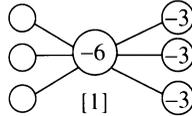
$$\begin{pmatrix} \zeta^{2m+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta^{2m+3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where ζ is a primitive 4th root and $m = 0, 1, \dots$. Let $(X, x) = (Y, y)/G$ (4th Veronese quotient). Then the w.d. graph associated to (X, x) is given by



and $p_g(X, x) = m+2$ (see [5]). Then (X, x) is a maximally elliptic singularity of $\text{emb dim} = 4$. Hence (X, x) is Gorenstein and $\text{codim} = 2$, so it is a complete intersection from Serre's result in [3].

(ii) Let $(Y, y) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid x^3 + y^6 + z^9 = 0\}$, and let (X, x) be the 7th Veronese quotient of (Y, y) . Then the w.d. graph associated to (X, x) is given by



and $p_g(X, x) = 2$. Then this is a maximally elliptic singularity of $\text{emb dim} = 9$.

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