# Resolution and logarithmic resolution by weighted blowing up

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### Proposition

The order is upper semicontinuous.

### Proof.

$$V(\mathcal{D}^{a-1}\mathcal{I}) = \{p : \operatorname{ord}_p(\mathcal{I}) \geq a\}.$$

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#### Example

For 
$$\mathcal{I} = (x^2 - y^2 z)$$
 we have  $\operatorname{ord}_p \mathcal{I} = 2$  with  $x_1 = x$  (or  $\alpha x + \text{h.o.t.}$  in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{I})$ ).

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$$C(\mathcal{I}, a_1) := \sum f(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{DI}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{a_1-1}\mathcal{I}),$$

where f runs over monomials  $f = t_0^{b_0} \cdots t_{a_1-1}^{b_{a_1-1}}$  with weights

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Write  $(a_1,\ldots,a_k) = \ell(1/w_1,\ldots,1/w_k)$  with  $w_i, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $gcd(w_1,\ldots,w_k) = 1$ . We set

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It is also an idealistic exponent or graded sequence of ideals.

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Implementation: Jonghyun Lee, Anne Frühbis-Krüger.

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Then

$$Bl_{\overline{J}}(Y) := \mathcal{P}roj_{Y}\mathcal{A}_{\overline{J}} := [(\operatorname{Spec} \mathcal{A}_{\overline{J}} \smallsetminus S_{0}) / \mathbb{G}_{m}].$$

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with  $x_1 = u^{w_1}$  and  $x_i = u^{w_i} x'_i$  for  $2 \le i \le k$ , and induced action:

$$(u, x'_2, \ldots, x'_n) \mapsto (\zeta u, \zeta^{-w_2} x'_2, \ldots, \zeta^{-w_k} x'_k, x'_{k+1}, \ldots, x'_n).$$

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We define  $\max(X) = \max_p \operatorname{inv}_p(X)$ . The invariant is well defined because of the MC-invariance property of  $C(\mathcal{I}, a_1)$ . The rest is induction!

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- This reduces logarithmic invariants respecting logarithmic, hence exceptional, divisors.

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# Thank you for your attention

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