

# Geometric and Algebraic Jordan Block Structure in Vanishing Cohomology and in the Jacobian Algebra of an Isolated Singularity

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## Abstract:

For a germ of a holomorphic function with an isolated singularity, multiplication by  $f$  in the Jacobian algebra and the application of  $N$ , the logarithm of the unipotent map of the monodromy, to vanishing cohomology are related. This relation comes from associating to a function  $g$  the principal rate of growth of the integral of  $gdz$  on the vanishing cycles to the singularity as  $t$  goes to 0. In the integral of  $fgdz$ , the  $f$  comes out of the integral as a  $t$ , and using a relation in the Jacobian Algebra we end up applying  $N$ . This statement means that the Jordan blocks of  $f$  in the Jacobian Algebra are built up with the gluing of  $N$  Jordan blocks in vanishing cohomology. These gluings produce a non degenerate bilinear form in part of the primitive cohomology, when we bring in Grothendieck's and Poincaré's bilinear forms into the setting. This bilinear form is readily computable from  $f$  and has a geometric meaning.