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Proof. By Theorem 2.8 of [4] it suffices to show $Q \otimes_R Re$ is a Q projective. Now we have $0 \to \mathrm{Re} \to Q$ exact and Q is flat over R, so $0 \to Q \otimes Re \to Q \otimes Q$ is exact. The isomorphism $Q \otimes Q \cong Q$ gives $Q \otimes Re \cong Qe$, and hence is Q projective.

COROLLARY. *For any idempotent $e \in Q$, $Re \cap R$ is a summand of R.*

Proof. The sequence $0 \to Re \cap R \to R \to R(1-e) \to 0$ splits.

We can now prove Proposition 3 of [2] for regular FPF rings. If L is a left ideal of R, then L is essential in a summand Qe of Q. Hence L is essential in Re, hence essential in $Re \cap R$, a summand of R.

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Theorem 3.1 is incorrect. There are families of plane curves which are Zariski equisingular but do not satisfy condition $\mathscr{E}$. The error is in the proof of Lemma 3.5. In fact, as the example below shows, there are parometrized families of space curves, where the special fiber is not obtained by specializing the values of the parameters, but has embedded points. The arguments of the rest of the section are correct, and they give the following weaker result (we use the notations of the paper).

THEOREM. *Let $(X_0, 0)$ be a germ of a reduced plane curve, with the following property: there is a representative $\mathscr{Y} = (\swarrow, X_\mu, D_\mu, \sigma)$ of the versal μ-constant deformation of X_0 such that for all $u \in D_\mu$, $f^{-1}(u)$ coincides with the H-transform of $\swarrow^{-1}(u)$ where $Z^\pi \to X_\mu$ is the*

H-transform of $\mathscr{V}$ and f is the composition $\ell \circ \pi$. Then, any deformation (ρ, X, Y, s) of X_0 (with Y reduced) which is Zariski equisingular satisfies condition $\mathscr{E}$.

EXAMPLE. Consider the family of plane curves $\mathscr{F} = (\rho, X, Y, \sigma)$ where $X \subset \boldsymbol{C}^3$ is given parametrically by $x = t^3$, $y = t^7 + ut^8$, $u \in Y = \boldsymbol{C}$ and ρ, σ are projection and trivial section respectively. If $f = 0$ is an equation of X, by using the relation $f_x x' + f_y y' = 0$ on X it is easy to verify that the H-transform Z of X is given parametrically (in $\boldsymbol{C}^4$) by $x = t^3, y = t^4 + ut^5, w = t^4 + (8/7)ut^5$, $u \in \boldsymbol{C}$. Hence $\mathscr{O} = \mathscr{O}_{Z,0} \approx \boldsymbol{C}\{t^3, t^4, ut^5\}$ and ($q\colon Z \to Y$ being the canonical morphism and $Z_0 = q^{-1}(0))\mathscr{O}_{Z_0,0} \approx C\{t^3, t^4 ut^5\}/uC\{t^3, t^4, ut^5\}$. But this local ring has depth zero: ut^5 induces a nonzero divisor $b \in \mathscr{O}_{Z_0,0}$, such that $b \cdot \max(\mathscr{O}_{Z_0,0}) = 0$ (in fact, $ut^5 \cdot t^3 = ut^8 = u(t^4)^2$, $ut^5 \cdot t^4 = u(t^3)^3$, $(ut^5)^2 = u^2(t^3)^2 t^4$, all these have image zero in $\mathscr{O}_{Z_0,0}$). Now the family $\mathscr{F}$ is Zariski equisingular (all fibers have (3; 7) as characteristic) but it does not satisfy condition $\mathscr{E}$; if it did, by Theorem 2.4 Z_0 should be the M-transform of X_0, in particular reduced.

REMARK. For certain snigularities of plane curves, Zariski equisingularity implies condition $\mathscr{E} \cdot B \cdot g$. This is the case for families of germs of curves of characteristic $(n, n+1)$. In this case the H-transform is nonsingular, and it is easy to verify our assertion. It would be interesting to characterize those characteristics for which both concepts agree.

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