

## REES RINGS AND DERIVATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $A$  be a ring,  $\{I_n\}$  a filtration of ideals of  $A$  and  $R = \oplus_{n \geq 0} I_n T^n$  (contained in  $A[T]$ ) the Rees ring associated with  $\{I_n\}$ . We study the derivations  $D$  of  $A[T]$  such that  $D(A) \subset A$  and  $D(R) \subset R$ .

**Introduction.** Let  $A$  be a noetherian ring and  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{Z}}$  a filtration of ideals of  $A$ . Let  $R = \oplus_{n \geq 0} I_n T^n$  (respectively  $R' = \oplus_{n \in \mathbf{Z}} I_n T^n$ ) be the Rees ring associated with  $\{I_n\}$  for  $n \geq 0$  (respectively for  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ ). One can remark that  $R \subset A[T]$  and when  $F = \{I^n\}$  (where  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$ ) then  $R$  is the well-known “Rees algebra.”

In this paper we first consider derivations  $D$  of the polynomial ring  $A[T]$  such that  $D(A) \subset A$ , and we determine several conditions on  $D(T)$  and  $D(I_n)$  in order that  $D(R) \subset R$  and  $D(R') \subset R'$ . In particular, we discuss five filtrations, namely  $\{I^n\}$ ,  $\{I^{(n)}\}$ ,  $\{I^n : \langle J \rangle\}$ ,  $\{(I^n)_\Delta\}$ ,  $\{(I^n)_a\}$  (see definitions 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 1.9).

In Section 2 we consider the Rees rings associated to the previous five filtrations. If  $D \in \text{Der}(A[T])$  is a derivation of one of these rings, we wonder on which of the others  $D$  is also a derivation. We give several implications and show some examples of implications which do not hold.

Further, if  $A$  is a noetherian domain containing a field of characteristic zero, for any filtration  $\{I_n\}$  in  $A$  we show that each  $D \in \text{Der}(A[T])$  such that  $D(R) \subset R$  is also a derivation of the Rees rings associated respectively to  $\{\bar{I}_n\}$  and  $\{(I_n)_a\}$  (where  $\bar{I}_n$  (respectively,  $(I_n)_a$ ) is the integral closure of  $I_n$  in  $\bar{A}$  (respectively in  $A$ ), see definition 1.9).

We recall that several properties of  $R$  have been studied in some cases. For example, when  $F = \{I^{(n)}\}$  ( $I$  prime, i.e.,  $R$  is the “symbolic Rees algebra”), many authors have studied when  $R$  is Noetherian, Gorenstein, Cohen-Macaulay (see [1, 2, 3, 4]). Further, in [12] there are some finiteness results related to certain filtrations.

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