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**Abstract**

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## ON THE EXISTENCE OF A COUNTABLE SET OF PERIODIC MOTIONS IN FOUR-DIMENSIONAL SPACE IN AN EXTENDED NEIGHBORHOOD OF A SADDLE-FOCUS

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Consider a system of 4 differential equations

$$dz/dt = Z(z), \quad (1)$$

where  $Z(z)$  is an analytic vector-function. Suppose that system (1) has an equilibrium state  $O$ , at which the characteristic equation

$$|\partial Z/\partial z - \lambda E| = 0$$

has two pairs of complex conjugate roots  $\lambda \pm i\omega$ ,  $\gamma \pm i\Omega$ , where  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ . Such an equilibrium state  $O$  will be called a saddle-focus. As is known, in this case system (1) has two two-dimensional integral manifolds  $\mathfrak{M}^+$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^-$ , on which, respectively, the  $0^+$ -curves and  $0^-$ -curves lie.

Suppose that there exists a trajectory  $\Gamma_0$ , leaving  $O$  and returning to it again as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , i.e.  $\Gamma_0 \subset (\mathfrak{M}^+ \cap \mathfrak{M}^-)$ . We shall assume that the indicated intersection is non-rough of first degree. This means that the relation

$$\dim(\mathcal{L}\mathfrak{M}_M^+ \cap \mathcal{L}\mathfrak{M}_M^-) = 1, \quad (2)$$

holds, where by  $\mathcal{L}\mathfrak{M}_M^+$  and  $\mathcal{L}\mathfrak{M}_M^-$  are denoted the tangent spaces to  $\mathfrak{M}_M^+$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_M^-$  at the point  $M \in \Gamma_0$ .

Let  $U(\Gamma_0)$  be some neighborhood of  $\Gamma_0$ . Obviously,  $O \in U(\Gamma_0)$ . The domain  $U(\Gamma_0)$  will be called an extended neighborhood of the saddle-focus.

**Theorem.** *If  $-\lambda \neq \gamma$  and condition (2) is fulfilled, then any extended neighborhood of the saddle-focus contains a countable set of periodic motions of saddle type.*

Without loss of generality one may assume that  $\lambda + \gamma < 0$ .

By means of a linear transformation, system (1) can be reduced to the form:

$$\begin{aligned} dx_1/dt &= \lambda x_1 - \omega x_2 + P, & dx_2/dt &= \omega x_1 + \lambda x_2 + P_2, \\ dy_1/dt &= \gamma y_1 - \Omega y_2 + Q, & dy_2/dt &= \Omega y_1 + \gamma y_2 + Q_2, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $O(0, 0, 0, 0)$  is a saddle-focus; the functions  $P_1(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2), \dots, Q_2(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)$  vanish at the origin together with their first derivatives.

In a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $O$ , the equations of  $\mathfrak{M}^+$  will be written in the form

$$y_1 = \varphi_1(x_1, x_2), \quad y_2 = \varphi_2(x_1, x_2),$$

and the equations of  $\mathfrak{M}^-$  in the form

$$x_1 = \psi_1(y_1, y_2), \quad x_2 = \psi_2(y_1, y_2).$$

\* The existence of a countable set of periodic motions in a neighborhood of  $\Gamma_0$ , leaving the saddle and returning to it as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , was discovered in works <sup>(3,4)</sup> under the assumption that  $\Gamma_0$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$  enters the saddle, tangent to a certain one-dimensional axis.

Note that  $\varphi_1, \dots, \psi_2$  are analytic functions, vanishing at the origin together with their first derivatives. After the substitution

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= x_1 - \psi_1(y_1, y_2), & \xi_2 &= x_2 - \psi_2(y_1, y_2), \\ \eta_1 &= y_1 - \varphi_1(x_1, x_2), & \eta_2 &= y_2 - \varphi_2(x_1, x_2), \end{aligned}$$

in some neighborhood  $O$  the system takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} d\xi_1/dt &= \lambda \xi_1 - \omega \xi_2 + P_{11}\xi_1 + P_{12}\xi_2, \\ d\xi_2/dt &= \omega \xi_1 + \lambda \xi_2 + P_{21}\xi_1 + P_{22}\xi_2, \\ d\eta_1/dt &= \gamma \eta_1 - \Omega \eta_2 + Q_{11}\eta_1 + Q_{12}\eta_2, \\ d\eta_2/dt &= \Omega \eta_1 + \gamma \eta_2 + Q_{21}\eta_1 + Q_{22}\eta_2, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $P_{ij}(0, \dots, 0) = Q_{ij}(0, \dots, 0) = 0$ . In the new variables the equations of  $\mathfrak{M}^+$  will be  $\eta_1 = 0, \eta_2 = 0$ , and those of  $\mathfrak{M}^-$  will be  $\xi_1 = 0, \xi_2 = 0$ .

Denote by  $S_0$  the surface  $\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 = r_2, \eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2 \leq r^2$ , and by  $S_1$  the surface  $\eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2 = r^2, \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 \leq r^2$ . From the form of equations (4) it readily follows that

**Lemma 1.** For all sufficiently small  $r > 0$ , the surfaces  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  are surfaces without contact for the trajectories of system (4).

Let

$$\xi_i(t) = \xi_i(t, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0), \quad \eta_i(t) = \eta_i(t, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0)$$

be the equation of a trajectory  $l$  of system (4) passing through the point  $M_0(\xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0) \in S_0$  at  $t = 0$ , where  $\eta_1^{02} + \eta_2^{02} \neq 0$ . From Lemma 1 we obtain that  $l$ , for some  $t_0$ , intersects  $S_1$  at the point  $M_1(\xi_1^1, \xi_2^1, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1)$ , where  $\xi_1^{12} + \xi_2^{12} < r^2$ . We denote this mapping of  $S_0$  into  $S_1$  along trajectories by  $T_0$ . Evidently, it will be written in the form:

$$\xi_i^1 = \xi_i(t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0), \quad \eta_i^1 = \eta_i(t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0), \quad (5)$$

where the transition time  $t_0$  of the phase point from  $S_0$  to  $S_1$  is found from the equation

$$\eta_1^2(t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0) + \eta_2^2(t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0) = r^2.$$

Along with this form of writing the mapping  $T$ , which was constructed in an analogous way in works (1–4), we shall here construct another representation of the mapping  $T_0$ , which we shall call parametric.

Consider the system of integral equations

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1(t) &= e^{\lambda t} [\xi_1^0 \cos \omega t - \xi_2^0 \sin \omega t] + \\ &\quad + \int_0^t e^{\lambda(t-\tau)} [\bar{P}_1 \cos \omega(t-\tau) - \bar{P}_2 \sin \omega(t-\tau)] d\tau, \\ \xi_2(t) &= e^{\lambda t} [\xi_1^0 \sin \omega t + \xi_2^0 \cos \omega t] + \\ &\quad + \int_0^t e^{\lambda(t-\tau)} [\bar{P}_1 \sin \omega(t-\tau) + \bar{P}_2 \cos \omega(t-\tau)] d\tau, \\ \eta_1(t) &= e^{\gamma(t-t_0)} [\eta_1^1 \cos \Omega(t-t_0) - \eta_2^1 \sin \Omega(t-t_0)] + \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\gamma(t-\tau)} [\bar{Q}_1 \cos \Omega(t-\tau) - \bar{Q}_2 \sin \Omega(t-\tau)] d\tau, \\ \eta_2(t) &= e^{\gamma(t-t_0)} [\eta_1^1 \sin \Omega(t-t_0) + \eta_2^1 \cos \Omega(t-t_0)] + \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\gamma(t-\tau)} [\bar{Q}_1 \sin \Omega(t-\tau) + \bar{Q}_2 \cos \Omega(t-\tau)] d\tau, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $\bar{P}_1$  denotes the nonlinear terms of the first equation of system (4),  $\bar{P}_2$  those of the second, etc.

From the method of successive approximations it follows easily

**Lemma 2.** *There exists a sufficiently small neighborhood  $\Sigma$  of the origin of the coordinates such that, under the condition  $M_0(\xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, 0, 0) \in \Sigma$ ,  $M_1(0, 0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1) \in \Sigma$ , the solution of system (6) for all  $0 \leq t \leq t_0$  exists and is unique.*

By verification we are convinced that the solution found,

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_i(t) &= \xi_i^\Pi(t, t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0), \\ \eta_i(t) &= \eta_i^\Pi(t, t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^0, \eta_2^0), \quad i = 1, 2,\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

is a solution of system (4), satisfying the conditions

$$\xi_i(0) = \xi_i^0, \quad \eta_i(t_0) = \eta_i^1, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

**Lemma 3.** *The solution (7) is representable in the form:*

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1(t) &= e^{\lambda t} [\xi_1^0(1 + \alpha_{11}^0 + \beta_{11}^0) \cos \omega t - \xi_2^0(1 + \alpha_{12}^0 + \beta_{12}^0) \sin \omega t], \\ \xi_2(t) &= e^{\lambda t} [\xi_1^0(1 + \alpha_{21}^0 + \beta_{21}^0) \sin \omega t + \xi_2^0(1 + \alpha_{22}^0 + \beta_{22}^0) \cos \omega t], \\ \eta_1(t) &= e^{\gamma(t-t_0)} [\eta_1^1(1 + \alpha_{11}^1 + \beta_{11}^1) \cos \Omega(t - t_0) - \\ &\quad - \eta_2^1(1 + \alpha_{12}^1 + \beta_{12}^1) \sin \Omega(t - t_0)], \\ \eta_2(t) &= e^{\gamma(t-t_0)} [\eta_1^1(1 + \alpha_{21}^1 + \beta_{21}^1) \sin \Omega(t - t_0) + \\ &\quad + \eta_2^1(1 + \alpha_{22}^1 + \beta_{22}^1) \cos \Omega(t - t_0)],\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

where  $\alpha_{ij}^0(t - t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1)$ ,  $\alpha_{ij}^1(t, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1)$ ,  $\beta_{ij}^k(t, t_0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1)$  are analytic functions satisfying the conditions:  $\alpha_{ij}^k(0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1)$  vanish for  $\xi_1^0 = \xi_2^0 = \eta_1^1 = \eta_2^1 = 0$ , while  $\beta_{ij}^0(t_0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1)$ ,  $\beta_{ij}^1(0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1)$  tend to zero as  $t_0 \rightarrow +\infty$  together with their first derivatives.

Introduce the functions

$$\xi_i^1 = \xi_i^\Pi(t_0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1), \quad \eta_i^0 = \eta_i^\Pi(0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \xi_2^0, \eta_1^1, \eta_2^1).\tag{9}$$

From lemma (3) there will follow the estimates

$$|\xi_1^1| + |\xi_2^1| < Ke^{\lambda t_0}, \quad |\eta_1^0| + |\eta_2^0| < Ke^{-\gamma t_0},\tag{10}$$

$$D\xi_1^1 + D\xi_2^1 < Ke^{\lambda \cdot 2\pi t_0}, \quad D\eta_1^0 + D\eta_2^0 < Ke^{-\gamma \cdot 2\pi t_0},\tag{11}$$

where  $D = |\partial/\partial t_0| + \Sigma|\partial/\partial \xi_i^0| + \Sigma|\partial/\partial \eta_i^1|$ , and  $K$  is a certain constant. Obviously, when  $\xi_1^{02} + \xi_2^{02} = r^2$ ,  $\eta_1^{12} + \eta_2^{12} = r^2$ , where  $r$  is sufficiently small, formulas (9) give a new form for writing the map  $T_0$ .

Without loss of generality one may assume  $r$  to be such that  $\Gamma_0$  intersects  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  at the points  $M_0^+(r, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $M_1^-(0, 0, r, 0)$ . From the theorems on continuous dependence on initial conditions it follows that the trajectory of system (4) intersecting  $S_1$  at points close to the point  $M_1^-$  will also intersect  $S_0$  at points close to the point  $M_1^-$ . In the variables under consideration this correspondence, which we denote by  $T_1$ , can be written in a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $M_1^-$  in the form:

$$\bar{\eta}_i^0 = f(\xi_1^1, \xi_2^1, \eta_2^1) = A_1 \xi_1^1 + A_2 \xi_2^1 + B \eta_2^1 + \dots,$$

$$\bar{\xi}_i^0 = g_i(\xi_1^1, \xi_2^1, \eta_2^1) = A_{i1} \xi_1^1 + A_{i2} \xi_2^1 + B_i \eta_2^1 + \dots, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (12)$$

In the linear approximation, the trace of the intersection of  $\mathfrak{M}^-$  with  $S_0$  has the equations

$$\xi_2^0 = B \eta_2^1, \quad \eta_1^0 = B_1 \eta_2^1, \quad \eta_2^0 = B_2 \eta_2^1. \quad (13)$$

It follows from condition (2) that  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are not simultaneously equal to zero.

Since, for sufficiently small  $\bar{\eta}_1^0$  and  $\bar{\eta}_2^0$ , the trajectory passing through the point  $\bar{M}_0(\bar{\xi}_1, \bar{\xi}_2^0, \bar{\eta}_1^0, \bar{\eta}_2^1)$  intersects  $S_1$  after time  $\bar{t}_0$  at the point  $\bar{M}_1(\bar{\xi}_1, \bar{\xi}_2^1, \bar{\eta}_1^1, \bar{\eta}_2^1)$ , then, by virtue of what was indicated above, the relation between the last two coordinates of the points  $\bar{M}_0$  and  $\bar{M}_1 = T\bar{M}_0$  can also be written in the form:

$$\bar{\eta}_i^0 = \eta_i^{\text{II}}(0, \bar{t}_0, \bar{\xi}_1^0, \bar{\xi}_2^0, \bar{\eta}_1^1, \bar{\eta}_2^1),$$

where  $\bar{\xi}_1^0 = \sqrt{r^2 - (\bar{\xi}_2^0)^2}$ ,  $\bar{\eta}_1^1 = \sqrt{r^2 - (\bar{\eta}_2^1)^2}$ . Consider the mapping  $T = T_1 T_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_2^0 &= f(\xi_1^{\text{II}}(t_0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1), \xi_2^{\text{II}}(t_0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1), \eta_2^1), \\ \eta_i^{\text{II}}(0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1) &= g_i(\xi_1^{\text{II}}(t_0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1), \xi_2^{\text{II}}(t_0, t_0, \xi_1^0, \dots, \eta_2^1), \eta_2^1), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\xi_1^0 = \sqrt{r^2 - (\xi_2^0)^2}$ ,  $\eta_1^1 = \sqrt{r^2 - (\eta_2^1)^2}$ . Obviously,  $T$  is defined for sufficiently small  $\xi_2^0, \eta_2^1$  and sufficiently large  $t_0$ , and maps the "point"  $(\xi_2^0, \eta_2^1, t_0)$  into the point  $(\xi_2^0, \eta_2^1, \bar{t}_0)$ . We shall look for fixed points of  $T$ . The coordinates of the fixed points  $(\xi_2^*, \eta_2^*, t^*)$  satisfy the equations

$$\xi_2^* - f(\xi_1^{\text{II}}, \xi_2^{\text{II}}, \eta_2^*) = 0, \quad \eta_i^{\text{II}} - g_i(\xi_1^{\text{II}}, \xi_2^{\text{II}}, \eta_2^*) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (15)$$

Let, for definiteness,  $B_1 \neq 0$ . It is easily proved that the first two equations of system (15) are solvable with respect to  $\xi_2^*$  and  $\eta_2^*$  for all  $t^* > \bar{t}^*$ . Substituting

their expressions into the last equation, we obtain an equation with respect to  $t^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & B_1(1 - \varphi_{21}^1(0, r, 0, r, 0) + \dots) \sin \Omega t^* + \\
 & + B_2(1 + \varphi_{11}^1(0, r, 0, r, 0) + \dots) \cos \Omega t^* - \\
 & - e^{(\lambda+\gamma)t^*} [\Delta_1(1 + \varphi_{11}^0(0, r, 0, r, 0) + \dots) \cos \omega t^* + \\
 & + \Delta_2(1 + \varphi_{21}^1(0, r, 0, r, 0) + \dots) \sin \omega t^*] = 0,
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

where  $\Delta_1 = A_{11}B_2 - A_{21}B_1$ ,  $\Delta_2 = A_{12}B_2 - A_{22}B_1$ . Since  $\lambda + \gamma < 0$  and  $1 + \varphi_{11}^1 > 0$ ,  $1 + \varphi_{21}^1 > 0$  for sufficiently small  $r$ , we obtain that equation (16) has a countable number of roots  $t_n^*$ , whose asymptotics as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  is determined by the roots of the equation

$$B_1(1 + \varphi_{21}^1) \sin \Omega t^* + B_2(1 + \varphi_{11}^1) \cos \Omega t^* = \overline{B} \sin(\Omega t^* + \theta) = 0.$$

The characteristic equation of the linearized point mapping (14) at a fixed point is easy to find and can be written in the form

$$\alpha_1(n)z^3 + [\overline{B}\Omega\delta + \alpha_2(n)]z^2 + \alpha_3(n)z + \alpha_4(n) = 0,$$

where  $\alpha_i(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\delta$  is equal either to  $+1$  or to  $-1$ . As  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , this equation has one root tending to infinity and two tending to zero.

Thus, we have proved that the mapping  $T$  has a countable number of fixed points. Consequently, system (3) has a countable set of periodic solutions of saddle type, which pass through the points

$$M_n^*(\xi_{1n}^*, \xi_{2n}^*, \eta_1^{\text{II}}(0, t^*, \xi_{1n}^*, \xi_{2n}^*, \eta_{1n}^*, \eta_{2n}^*), \eta_2^{\text{II}}) \in S_0.$$

From the construction of the mappings  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  it follows that any extended neighborhood of the saddle-focus contains a countable set of periodic solutions of the indicated type.

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