

## About 'the Super\* Bound of the Limit Circles of the Perturbation System $\dot{x} = y + \varepsilon P_n(y)x$ $\dot{y} = -x + \varepsilon Q_n(x)y$ \*

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### I. Main Results

We consider the perturbation system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y + \varepsilon P_n(y)x \\ \dot{y} = -x + \varepsilon Q_n(x)y \end{cases} \quad (I)_\varepsilon$$

where  $P_n(y) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i y^i$ ,  $Q_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n b_i x^i$ ,  $|a_n| + |b_n| \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 1** When  $0 < |\varepsilon| \ll 1$ , the system  $(I)_\varepsilon$  has  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  limit circles at the most.

**Proof** From [1] and [2], we can construct the critical function of  $(I)_\varepsilon$

$$\phi_1(A) = \int_0^{2\pi} (x^2 P_n(y) + y^2 Q_n(x)) dt$$

where  $x = A \cos t$ ,  $y = A \sin t$ . Let  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ , and assume  $a_{2m+1} = 0$  if  $n = 2m$ , then we have

$$\Phi_1(A) = 2\pi A^2 \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{(2i-1)!!}{(2i+2)!!} (a_{2i} + b_{2i}) A^{2i} = 2\pi A^2 \Phi(A)$$

where  $\Phi(A) = \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{(2i-1)!!}{(2i+2)!!} (a_{2i} + b_{2i}) A^{2i}$

Because  $\Phi_1(A)$  has the same positive zero points as  $\Phi(A)$ ,  $\Phi(A)$  is the critical function of the system  $(I)_\varepsilon$ . Obviously, the positive zero points of the critical function  $\Phi(A)$  are not more than  $m$ , therefore when  $0 < |\varepsilon| \ll 1$ , the system  $(I)_\varepsilon$  has  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  limit circles at the most.

From the critical function of Theorem 1 and some results of [1] and [2], we obtain the following corollaries.

**Corollary 1** If  $a_{2m} + b_{2m} = 0$ , and there is a natural number  $k < m$  such that  $a_{2k} + b_{2k} \neq 0$ ,  $a_{2m} + b_{2m} = \dots = a_{2k+2} + b_{2k+2} = 0$ , then  $(I)_\varepsilon$  has  $k$  limit circles at the most.

**Corollary 2** If there is a natural number  $k < m$ , such that  $a_{2k} + b_{2k} \neq 0$ ,  $a_{2k+2}$

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+  $b_{2k+2} = \dots = a_{2m} + b_{2m} = 0$ , then, when  $(a_{2k} + b_{2k})(a_0 + b_0) < 0$ ,  $(I)_\varepsilon$  has one limit circle at least

**Corollary 3** If  $\Phi(A)$  has  $m$  positive zero points  $0 < \beta_1 < \beta_2 < \dots < \beta_m$ , and  $0 < |\varepsilon| \ll 1$ , then the system  $(I)_\varepsilon$  just has  $m$  limit circles, and when  $(-1)^{m-i}(a_{2m} + b_{2m})\varepsilon < 0$  (or  $> 0$ ), the limit circles of  $(I)_\varepsilon$  nearby the closed-curve  $x = \sqrt{\beta_i} \cos t$ ,  $y = \sqrt{\beta_i} \sin t$  are stable (or unstable),  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

### II. Some Cases In $(I)_\varepsilon$ If $F_n(y) = 0$

Consider the perturbation system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -x - \varepsilon f_n(x) y \end{cases} \quad (\text{II})_\varepsilon$$

corresponding to Lienard equation  $\ddot{x} + f_n(x)\dot{x} + x = 0$ ,  $f_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ , from Theorem 1 we know that the system  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  has  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  limit circles at the most and the critical function of  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  is  $\Phi(A)$

$$\Phi(A) = - \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{(2i-1)!!}{(2i+2)!!} a_{2i} A^{2i}$$

From  $\Phi(A)$  we obtain

**Theorem 2** Suppose  $n = 5$  ( $0 < |\varepsilon| \ll 1$ )

- (1) If  $a_2^2 - 8a_0a_4 > 0$ ,  $a_4a_2 < 0$ , the system  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  just has two limit circles.
- (2) If  $a_4a_0 < 0$ , the system  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  has only one limit circle.
- (3) If  $a_4a_2 > 0$ , the system  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  has no limit circle.

**Theorem 3** Suppose  $n = 3$  ( $0 < |\varepsilon| \ll 1$ )

(1) If  $a_2a_0 < 0$ , then the system  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  has only one limit circle nearby the closed-curve

$$x = 2\sqrt{\frac{a_0}{a_2}} \cos t, \quad y = 2\sqrt{-\frac{a_0}{a_2}} \sin t.$$

and when  $a_2\varepsilon < 0$  (or  $> 0$ ), the limit circle is stable (or unstable).

(2) If  $a_2a_0 > 0$ , then  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  has no limit circle.

**Note** When  $n = 3$ , if  $a_3 = a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = -1$ ,  $a_0 = 1$ , then  $(\text{II})_\varepsilon$  is the perturbation system  $\dot{x} = y$ ,  $\dot{y} = -x + \varepsilon(1-x^2)y$  corresponding to the notable Van Der Pol equation  $\ddot{x} + \varepsilon(x^2-1)\dot{x} + x = 0$ . From Theorem 3 we know that the system has only one limit circle nearby the closed-curve  $x = 2 \cos t$ ,  $y = 2 \sin t$ . It is Stable if  $\varepsilon > 0$  and unstable if  $\varepsilon < 0$ .

### III about the Super-bound of the Limit Circles of the Perturbation System

$$\dot{x} = y - \varepsilon F_{n+1}(x) \quad \dot{y} = -x.$$

Under the Lienard transform, from Lienard equation  $\ddot{x} + \varepsilon f_n(x)\dot{x} + x = 0$ , we get the corresponding perturbation system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y - \varepsilon F_{n+1}(x) \\ \dot{y} = -x \end{cases} \quad (\text{III})_\varepsilon$$

where  $F_{n+1}(x) = \int_0^x f_n(x) dx = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i+1} a_i x^{i+1}$ ,

With the same way as the proof of Theorem 1, we can get the critical function of (III)<sub>ε</sub>,

$$\Phi(A) = \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{(2i-1)!!}{(2i+2)!!} a_{2i} A^{2i}, \quad m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$$

Thus, the perturbation system (III)<sub>ε</sub> has  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  limit circles at the most,  $0 < |\varepsilon| \ll 1$ . From the function  $\Phi(A)$ , we can easily get the results which are presented in Ref. [3].

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## 关于扰动系统 $\dot{x} = y + \varepsilon P_n(y)x$ , $\dot{y} = -x + \varepsilon Q_n(x)y$ 的极限环的上界

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### 摘 要

本文利用 Paincare 分支理论, 给出了扰动系统

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y + \varepsilon P_n(y)x \\ \dot{y} = -x + \varepsilon Q_n(x)y \end{cases}$$

的判定函数, 并由此得到了该系统极限环最大个数等结果. 同时还讨论了 Lienard 方程  $\ddot{x} + f_n(x)\dot{x} + x = 0$  对应的扰动系统

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -x - \varepsilon f_n(x)y \end{cases} \quad \text{或} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = y - \varepsilon F_{n+1}(x) \\ \dot{y} = -x \end{cases}$$

的有关问题, 很容易得到了文 [3] 中的有关结论.