

# PERIODIC SOLUTIONS OF QUASILINEAR AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS WHICH HAVE FIRST INTEGRALS

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1. We consider a quasilinear autonomous system with  $n$  degrees of freedom

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{ik}\dot{x}_k + c_{ik}x_k) = \mu f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dot{x}_1, \dots, \dot{x}_n, \mu) \quad (i = 1, \dots, n) \quad (1.1)$$

where the functions  $f_i$  are analytic functions of their arguments in some region of variation,  $\mu$  is a small parameter and all the roots of the frequency equation

$$\Delta(\omega^2) = |c_{ik} - \omega^2 a_{ik}| = 0$$

are distinct and commensurable. Then the solution of the generating system

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{ik}\dot{x}_k + c_{ik}x_k) = 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \quad a_{ik} = a_{ki}, \quad c_{ik} = c_{ki}$$

will contain all  $n$  frequencies  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$  and will be periodic with some period  $T_0$ . We shall assume that the above solution of the generating system is associated with a periodic solution (1.1) having a period  $T_0 + \alpha$  ( $\alpha$  vanishes when  $\mu = 0$ ); we shall represent the initial conditions corresponding to this periodic solution in the form [1, 2]

$$x_k(0) = \sum_{r=1}^n p_k^{(r)}(A_r + \beta_r), \quad \dot{x}_k(0) = \sum_{r=2}^n p_k^{(r)}(B_r + \gamma_r)$$

Here  $A_r$  and  $B_r$  are constants;  $\beta_r$  and  $\gamma_r$  are functions of  $\mu$  which

vanish when  $\mu = 0$ , and

$$P_k^{(r)} = \frac{\Delta_{ik}(\omega_r^2)}{\Delta_{i1}(\omega_r^2)} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n)$$

where  $\Delta_{ik}(\omega_r^2)$  is the cofactor of the element  $c_{ik} - \omega_r^2 a_{jk}$  in the determinant  $\Delta(\omega_r^2)$ . In this case the expansion of the periodic solution of the system (1.1) in powers of the parameters  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\mu$  may be taken to have the following form [1,2]:

$$x_k(t) = (A_1 + \beta_1) \cos \omega_1 t + \sum_{r=2}^n P_k^{(r)} \left[ (A_r + \beta_r) \cos \omega_r t + \frac{B_r + \gamma_r}{\omega_r} \sin \omega_r t \right] + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ C_{km}(t) + \frac{\partial C_{km}}{\partial A_1} \beta_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial C_{km}}{\partial B_n} \gamma_n + \dots \right] \mu^m$$

where the expressions for  $C_{km}(t)$  are given in the indicated references. Using the notation

$$x_k(T_0 + \alpha) - x_k(0) = \psi_k, \quad \dot{x}_k(T_0 + \alpha) - \dot{x}_k(0) = \psi_{n+k} \quad (k = 1, \dots, n) \quad (1.2)$$

we obtain  $2n$  periodicity conditions for the quantities  $x_k(t)$  and  $\dot{x}_k(t)$

$$\psi_m = 0 \quad (m = 1, \dots, 2n) \quad (1.3)$$

From these conditions we must determine not only the  $2n - 1$  constants  $A_1, \dots, A_n, B_2, \dots, B_n$ , but also  $2n$  functions of  $\mu$ :  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, \alpha$  (since the system (1.1) is autonomous,  $B_1 = \gamma_1 = 0$ ). One of these conditions, for example,  $\psi_1 = 0$ , will be used to determine the parameter  $\alpha$  in the form of a series in integer powers of the  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  values and  $\mu$

$$\alpha = \alpha(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, \mu) \quad (1.4)$$

This can always be done provided that

$$B_2 + \dots + B_n \neq 0 \quad (1.5)$$

Expanding the left-hand sides of the remaining formulas of (1.2) in terms of  $\alpha$  and substituting the expression (1.4) for  $\alpha$ , we obtain in the general case the following equations:

$$\mu^{sj} [M_j(A_1, \dots, A_n, B_2, \dots, B_n) + N_j(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, \mu)] = \psi_j \quad (j = 2, \dots, 2n) \quad (1.6)$$

where  $s_j$  are positive integers not less than unity,  $M_j$  are functions of the constants  $A$  and  $B$ , and the expressions  $N_j$  are analytic functions of all their arguments in a neighborhood of their zero values, with  $N_j(0, \dots, 0) = 0$ . It can also be shown (in a manner similar to the proof for  $n = 2$  given in [3]) that

$$N_j = \frac{\partial M_j}{\partial A_1} \beta_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial M_j}{\partial A_n} \beta_n + \frac{\partial M_j}{\partial B_2} \gamma_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial M_j}{\partial B_n} \gamma_n + \dots + \mu (\dots) \quad (1.7)$$

The same study [3] calculates, for  $n = 2$ , the functions  $M_j$  and the coefficients of the first three terms of the expansions of the functions  $N_j$  as power series in  $\mu$  for  $s_j = 1$ .

Thus, the periodicity conditions (1.3) for the system (1.6) may be divided into two groups of conditions

$$(1) \quad M_j = 0, \quad (2) \quad N_j = 0 \quad (j = 2, \dots, 2n) \quad (1.8)$$

From the first group of conditions, called the equations of basic amplitudes, we find the constants  $A$  and  $B$ , and from the second group of conditions we find the functions  $\beta(\mu)$  and  $\gamma(\mu)$ . We then substitute the resulting initial values  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $\beta(\mu)$  and  $\gamma(\mu)$  of the desired periodic solution into formula (1.4) to find the correction value for  $\alpha$  per period.

2. Let us now assume that the system (1.1) has  $l$  ( $l < 2n$ ) independent first integrals

$$F_p(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dot{x}_1, \dots, \dot{x}_n, \mu) = \text{const} \quad (p = 1, \dots, l) \quad (2.1)$$

which are analytic in the region of initial conditions of the desired periodic solutions and of the zero value of  $\mu$  and which are independent of time. Then, following Poincaré [4], the formulas (2.1) can be rewritten in the form of differences

$$F_p[x_1(T_0 + \alpha), \dots, x_n(T_0 + \alpha), \dot{x}_1(T_0 + \alpha), \dots, \dot{x}_n(T_0 + \alpha), \mu] - \\ - F_p[x_1(0), \dots, x_n(0), \dot{x}_1(0), \dots, \dot{x}_n(0), \mu] = 0$$

which we rewrite, on the basis of (1.2), as

$$F_p[x_1(0) + \psi_1, \dots, x_n(0) + \psi_n, \dot{x}_1(0) + \psi_{n+1}, \dots, \dot{x}_n(0) + \psi_{2n}, \mu] - \\ - F_p[x_1(0), \dots, x_n(0), \dot{x}_1(0), \dots, \dot{x}_n(0), \mu] = 0 \quad (p = 1, \dots, l) \quad (2.2)$$

Expanding the expressions (2.2) into power series in the  $\psi$  variables, we obtain the equations

$$F_p^*(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{2n}, \mu) = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

whose left-hand sides are analytic functions of their arguments and vanish when the conditions (1.3) are satisfied. Solving the equations (2.3) for a set of  $l$  variables  $\psi$ , for example,  $\psi_{2n+1-l}, \dots, \psi_{2n}$ , which can always be done [5], provided

$$\frac{D(F_1^*, \dots, F_l^*)}{D(\psi_{2n+1-l}, \dots, \psi_{2n})} \Big|_{\psi_1 = \dots = \psi_{2n} = 0} \neq 0$$

we obtain

$$\psi_{2n+1-p} = \Phi_p(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{2n-l}) \quad (p = 1, \dots, l)$$

where  $\Phi_p$  are series expanded in appropriate powers of all the parameters entering into them; these series vanish when

$$\psi_1 = \dots = \psi_{2n-l} = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

It follows from this that, since the last  $l$  equations of the system (1.3) depend on the first  $2n - l$  equations, the periodicity conditions

$$\psi_{2n+1-l} = \dots = \psi_{2n} = 0$$

will be automatically satisfied if the conditions (2.4) are satisfied. Thus, to find a periodic solution of the system (1.1) we need only  $2n - l$  of the periodicity conditions (1.3) or  $2(2n - 1 - l)$  conditions for the system (1.8)

$$M_q(A_1, \dots, A_n, B_2, \dots, B_n) = 0, \quad N_q(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, \mu) = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

( $q = 2, \dots, 2n - l$ )

The first group of conditions in (2.5) represents  $2(2n - 1 - l)$  equations for the basic amplitudes, with  $2n - 1$  unknowns  $A$  and  $B$ . We solve these equations for a set of  $2n - 1 - l$  unknowns; this is possible (for example [5]) if the rank of the Jacobian

$$\left\| \begin{array}{cccccc} \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial A_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial A_n} & \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial B_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial B_n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial M_{2n-l}}{\partial A_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial M_{2n-l}}{\partial A_n} & \frac{\partial M_{2n-l}}{\partial B_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial M_{2n-l}}{\partial B_n} \end{array} \right\| \tag{2.6}$$

is  $2n - 1 - l$  in some region of values of the unknowns  $A$  and  $B$ . We then find that the remaining  $l$  of the unknowns  $A$  and  $B$  may be considered arbitrary parameters in this region.

The second group of conditions represents  $2n - 1 - l$  equations which depend on  $2n - 1$  unknowns  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and the parameter  $\mu$ . We solve these equations for a set of  $2n - 1 - l$  unknowns, expressed in the form of power

series in the remaining  $l$  unknowns and the parameter  $\mu$ . From the equations (1.7) it follows that this can always be done [5] if the Jacobian of the matrix (2.6) has a rank of  $2n - 1 - l$  in some region of values of the unknowns  $A$  and  $B$ .

It follows from this that the  $l$  free unknowns  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  may be taken to be arbitrary analytic functions of  $\mu$ , which vanish at  $\mu = 0$ . We note that the case in which the matrix (2.6) has a rank less than  $2n - 1 - l$  means that the corresponding systems of equations may have multiple roots.

Thus, the periodic solutions of a quasilinear autonomous system with  $l$  independent first integrals depends, under certain conditions, on  $l$  arbitrary constants and  $l$  arbitrary functions of  $\mu$ . Similar arguments also hold true for quasilinear nonautonomous systems with  $n$  degrees of freedom which have  $l$  ( $l < 2n$ ) independent first integrals

$$F_p(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dot{x}_1, \dots, \dot{x}_n, \mu, t) = \text{const} \quad (p = 1, \dots, l)$$

which are analytic in the region of initial values of the desired periodic solutions and the zero value of  $\mu$  and periodic in time with a period  $2\pi$ .

3. As an example, let us consider a periodic solution of a known [6] equation for the free oscillations of a conservative system with one degree of freedom involving a nonlinear elastic restoring force

$$\ddot{x} + x = \mu x^3 \quad (3.1)$$

which is satisfied by the kinetic energy integral

$$\dot{x}^2 + x^2 - \mu \frac{x^4}{2} = \text{const} \quad (3.2)$$

Choosing the initial conditions of the desired periodic solution in the form

$$x(0) = A + \beta, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

and using the notation

$$x(2\pi + \alpha) - x(0) = \psi_1, \quad \dot{x}(2\pi + \alpha) - \dot{x}(0) = \psi_2 \quad (3.4)$$

we obtain the periodicity conditions

$$\psi_1 = \psi_2 = 0$$

In accordance with Section 2, rewriting the integral (3.2) in the

form

$$[\dot{x}(0) + \psi_2]^2 + [x(0) + \psi_1]^2 - \frac{\mu}{2} [x(0) + \psi_1]^4 - x^2(0) - x^2(0) + \frac{\mu}{2} x^4(0) = 0$$

we obtain the equation

$$2x(0)[1 - \mu x^2(0)]\psi_1 + 2\dot{x}(0)\psi_2 + \dots = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

where the unwritten terms involve higher powers of  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$ . Substituting the initial values (3.3) into the equations (3.5), we see that, for example, if  $A \neq 0$ , this equation can be solved for  $\psi_1$

$$\psi_1 = \Phi(\psi_2) \quad (\Phi(0) = 0)$$

Therefore, the condition  $\psi_2 = 0$  is the only independent periodicity condition. From this condition we can find the quantity  $\alpha = \alpha(\beta, \mu)$  if  $A \neq 0$  [7].

Thus, the periodic solution of the equation (3.1) depends on one arbitrary non-zero constant and one arbitrary function of  $\mu$ . This solution can be found, for example, by formula (1.10) of the reference quoted.

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