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Configuration of Zeros of Isochronous Vector Fields of Degree 5

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In this paper, we give the algebraic conditions that a configuration of 5 points in the plane must satisfy in order to be the configuration of zeros of a polynomial isochronous vector field. We use the obtained results to analyze configurations having some of its zeros satisfying some particular geometric conditions.

1. Introduction

We start defining an isochronous vector field, and we express its general associated 1-form, with its respective residues.

An isochronous vector field X is as a complex polynomial vector field on \mathbb{C} whose zeros are all isochronous

centers. A center is isochronous if the periods of the trajectories surrounding it are constant.

Let X be a complex polynomial vector field on \mathbb{C} of degree $n \geq 1$, nonidentically zero, as follows:

$$X = (b_n z^n + b_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 z + b_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{\lambda} (z - p_1) \cdots (z - p_n) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad (1)$$

where the coefficients can be calculated by Vieta's formulas, in particular $\lambda = 1/b_n$. An isochronous vector field X is characterized by their associated 1-form:

$$\eta = \frac{dz}{b_n z^n + b_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 z + b_0} = \frac{\lambda dz}{(z - p_1) \cdots (z - p_n)}, \quad (2)$$

which has a unique zero at infinity of multiplicity $n - 2$ and simple poles with nonzero pure imaginary residues. For $n \geq 2$, the residue of η at p_j is

$$r_j = \frac{\lambda}{(p_j - p_1) \cdots \widehat{(p_j - p_j)} \cdots (p_j - p_n)}, \quad (3)$$

where the hat $(\widehat{p_j - p_j})$ means that the factor $(p_j - p_j)$ is omitted (see [1]).

The following well-known result characterizes the polynomial isochronous vector fields.

Theorem 1 (see [1, 2]). *Let X be a complex polynomial vector field on \mathbb{C} of degree $n \geq 2$ defined as in (1); then, the following statements are equivalent:*