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**CENTER PROBLEM FOR CUBIC DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS WITH THE
LINE AT INFINITY AND AN AFFINE REAL INVARIANT STRAIGHT
LINE OF TOTAL MULTIPLICITY FOUR**

In this article, we show that a non-degenerate monodromic critical point of differential systems with the line at infinity and an affine real invariant straight line of total multiplicity four is a center type if and only if the first four Lyapunov quantities vanish.

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Introduction and statement of main results

We consider the real cubic system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y + ax^2 + cxy + fy^2 + kx^3 + mx^2y + pxy^2 + ry^3 \equiv p(x, y), \\ \dot{y} = -(x + gx^2 + dxy + by^2 + sx^3 + qx^2y + nxy^2 + ly^3) \equiv q(x, y), \\ \gcd(p, q) = 1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

and the homogeneous system associated to the system (1)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = yz^2 + (ax^2 + cxy + fy^2)z + kx^3 + mx^2y + pxy^2 + ry^3 \equiv P(x, y, z), \\ \dot{y} = -(xz^2 + (gx^2 + dxy + by^2)z + sx^3 + qx^2y + nxy^2 + ly^3) \equiv Q(x, y, z). \end{cases}$$

Denote $\mathbb{X} = p(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + q(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ and $\mathbb{X}_\infty = P(x, y, z) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + Q(x, y, z) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$.

An algebraic curve $f(x, y) = 0$, $f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ (a function $f = \exp(g/h)$, $g, h \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$) is called an invariant algebraic curve (exponential factor) of the system (1) if there exists a polynomial $K_f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$, $\deg(K) \leq n - 1$, such that the identity $\mathbb{X}(f) \equiv f(x, y)K_f(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ($(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid h(x, y) = 0\}$) holds. In particular, a straight line $l \equiv \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma = 0$, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ is invariant for (1) if there exists a polynomial $K_l \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ such that the identity $\alpha P(x, y) + \beta Q(x, y) \equiv (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma)K_l(x, y)$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, holds.

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The invariant straight line $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma = 0$ (respectively, the line at infinity $z = 0$) has the *multiplicity* ν (respectively, $\nu + 1$) if ν is the greatest positive integer such that $(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma)^\nu$ (respectively, z^ν) divides $\mathbb{E} = p \cdot \mathbb{X}(q) - q \cdot \mathbb{X}(p)$ (respectively, $\mathbb{E}_\infty = P \cdot \mathbb{X}_\infty(Q) - Q \cdot \mathbb{X}_\infty(P)$) [5]. Denote by $m(l_1)$ ($m(l_\infty)$) the multiplicity of an affine invariant straight line l_1 (of the line at infinity l_∞).

The cubic systems (1) with invariant straight lines were investigated in the works [2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30],

The critical point $(0, 0)$ of system (1) is either a focus or a center, i.e. is monodromic. The problem of distinguishing between a center and a focus is called the *center problem*.

A critical point $(0, 0)$ is a center for (1) if and only if in a neighborhood of $(0, 0)$ the system has a nonconstant analytic first integral $F(x, y)$ (an analytic integrating factor of the form $\mu(x, y) = 1 + \sum \mu_j(x, y)$) [12] ([1]).

It is known there exists a formal power series $F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + \sum_{j \geq 3} F_j(x, y)$ such that the rate of change of $F(x, y)$ along trajectories of (1) is a linear combination of polynomials $\{(x^2 + y^2)^j\}_{j=2}^\infty$, i.e. $\frac{dF}{dt} = \sum_{j=2}^\infty L_{j-1}(x^2 + y^2)^j$. The quantities L_j , $j = \overline{1, \infty}$, are polynomials with respect to the coefficients of system (1) called to be *the Lyapunov quantities*. The origin $(0, 0)$ is a center for (1) if and only if $L_j = 0$, $j = \overline{1, \infty}$. By the Hilbert basis theorem there is a natural number N such that the infinite polynomial system $\{L_j = 0, j = \overline{1, \infty}\}$ is equivalent to the finite system $\{L_j = 0, j = \overline{1, N}\}$. We denote by N_0 the smallest such N .

The center problem is completely solved for quadratic systems ($k = l = m = n = p = q = r = s = 0$; $N_0 = 3$) [9] and for symmetric cubic systems ($a = b = c = d = f = g = 0$; $N_0 = 5$) [20]. For other polynomial differential systems the necessary and sufficient conditions for the monodromic critical point to be a center were obtained in some particular cases (see, for example, [6, 17]).

The problem of coexistence in cubic systems of distinct invariant straight lines and critical points of center type was studied in [7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25]. In these works it was proved that if the cubic system (1) has

- four non-homogeneous invariant straight lines, i.e. the lines of the form $1 + \alpha_j x + \beta_j y = 0$, $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$, then $N_0 = 1$ [7];
- two non-homogeneous and two homogeneous ($y \pm ix = 0$) invariant straight lines, then $N_0 = 2$ [8];
- three invariant straight lines in generic position, then $N_0 = 3$ [25];
- a bundle of three invariant straight lines or three invariant straight lines two of which are parallel, then $N_0 = 5$ [21, 24];
- two homogeneous and one non-homogeneous invariant straight lines, then $N_0 = 7$ [23].

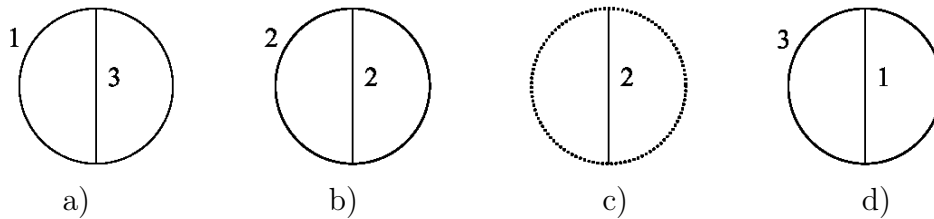


Fig. 1.1

In this article we investigate the center problem for cubic differential systems with the line at infinity and an affine real invariant straight line of total multiplicity four (see Fig. 1.1). Our main result is the following one:

Main Theorem. *Each cubic system (1) with an affine real invariant straight line l_1 and the line at infinity l_∞ of total multiplicity at least four: $m(l_1) + m(l_\infty) \geq 4$ has at critical point $(0, 0)$ a center if and only if the first four Lyapunov quantities vanish $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = L_4 = 0$.*

1 SOLUTION OF THE CENTER PROBLEM FOR CUBIC SYSTEMS WITH AN AFFINE REAL INVARIANT STRAIGHT LINE OF MULTIPLICITY THREE

In this section we will solve for (1) the center problem in the case of configuration a) from Fig. 1.1.

1.1 Classification of cubic systems with an affine real invariant straight line of multiplicity two or three

Let the cubic system (1) have an affine real invariant straight line l_1 . By a transformation of the form

$$x \rightarrow \nu \cdot (x \cos \varphi + y \sin \varphi), \quad y \rightarrow \nu \cdot (y \cos \varphi - x \sin \varphi), \quad \nu \neq 0$$

we can make l_1 to be described by the equation $x = 1$. Then, $k = -a, m = -c - 1, p = -f, r = 0$ and (1) is reduced to the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = (1 - x)(y + ax^2 + (c + 1)xy + fy^2) \equiv p(x, y), \\ \dot{y} = -(x + gx^2 + dxy + by^2 + sx^3 + qx^2y + nxy^2 + ly^3) \equiv q(x, y), \\ \gcd(P, Q) = 1. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

For (2) we have

$$\mathbb{E} = (x - 1) \left(Y_2(y) + Y_3(y) \cdot (x - 1) + \dots + Y_7(y) \cdot (x - 1)^7 \right),$$

where $Y_j(y)$, $j = 2, \dots, 7$, are polynomials in y . The invariant line $x - 1 = 0$ has multiplicity at least j if the system of identities $\{Y_2(y) \equiv 0, \dots, Y_j(y) \equiv 0\}$ holds. In particular, the line $x - 1 = 0$ has multiplicity at least two (three) if $Y_2(y) \equiv 0$ ($\{Y_2(y) \equiv 0, Y_3(y) \equiv 0\}$). The polynomials $Y_2(y)$ and $Y_3(y)$ look as, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_2(y) &= (1 + g + s + dy + qy + by^2 + ny^2 + ly^3) \left(2 + a^2 + c - ad + 2g + cg - aq \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2s + cs + 2(2a - ab + ac + f + fg - an + fs)y - ((c + 2)(b - 2 - c + n) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2af - df + 3al - fq)y^2 + 2(c + 2)(f - l)y^3 + f(f - l)y^4 \right), \\ Y_3(y) &= a(g + 2)(d + q) - (8 - 6a^2 + 4c + 6ad + 4g + 2cg + 7aq)(g + s + 1) \\ &\quad + (7c + 13)(g + s + 1)^2 + \left(2a((g + 2)(b + n) + (3a - 2d - 3q)(d + q)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (c + 2)(g + 2)(d + q) - (3a + 10ab + d + 8f + 4fg + 12an + q - (c + 2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot (9a + 5d + 6q))(g + s + 1) + 12f(g + s)^2 \right) y + 3 \left(a((g + 2)l + (2a + d) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot (b + n)) - (a + 4ab - 3a(c + 2) + 2f + fg + 5an)(d + q) + (2 + 3c + c^2 \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +2af + 4df - 5al + 5fq)(g + s + 1))y^2 + \left(15ab - 4ab^2 + 9abc + 6d - 3bd \right. \\
& +9cd - 2bcd + 3c^2d + 3f + 2bf + 3cf + 6adf + 2d^2f + 3fg + 4bfg + 3cfg \\
& -3l + 6a^2l - 2cl - 12adl - 5gl - 3cgl + 15an - 12abn + 9acn - 5dn - 3cdn \\
& +4fn + 6fgn - 8an^2 + 6q - 5bq + 9cq - 3bcq + 3c^2q + 6afq + 6dfq - 16alq \\
& \left. -7nq - 4cnq + 4fq^2 + 3fs + 6bfs + 3cfs - 7ls - 4cls + 8fns\right)y^3 + \left(fl - 3df \right. \\
& -bdf - 3al + 5abl + 2dl + 2fgl - 3fq - bfq + 2lq + 3fls + (3df + 9al - 4dl \\
& +3fq - 6lq)(c + 2) + (6af + 2df - 15al + 3fq)(b + n) + (c + 2)(b + n)(3c - b \\
& \left. -3n + 3) + (b + n)^2\right)y^4 + 3\left(2al(f - l) + l(b - 1)(c + 2) + l(c + 2)^2 \right. \\
& \left. + (l - f)(b + n) + (f - 2l)(c + 2)(b + n)\right)y^5 + l\left((c + 1)(3f - 2l) - fn\right)y^6.
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 1. If $1 + g + s + dy + qy + by^2 + ny^2 + ly^3 \equiv 0$, then the system (2) is degenerate, i.e. $\deg(\gcd(p(x, y), q(x, y))) > 0$.

Solving the identities $Y_2(y) \equiv 0$ and $\{Y_2(y) \equiv 0, Y_3(y) \equiv 0\}$, we obtain the following two Lemmas, respectively.

Lemma 1. The invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ of the system (2) has multiplicity at least two if and only if one of the following four series of conditions holds:

$$a = f = 0, \quad c = -2; \quad (3)$$

$$a = f = l = 0, \quad n = 2 - b + c, \quad s = -1 - g, \quad c \neq -2; \quad (4)$$

$$f = l = 0, \quad d = (a(a - q) + (c + 2)(g + s + 1))/a, \quad n = 2 - b + c; \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
l = f, \quad q &= ((c + 2)(b - 2 - c + n) + f(a - d))/f, \\
s &= (-2a + ab - ac - f - fg + an)/f.
\end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Lemma 2. The invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ of the system (2) has multiplicity at least three if and only if one of the following seven series of conditions holds:

$$a = d = f = l = q = 0, \quad b = 1, \quad n = c + 1, \quad s = -g - 1, \quad c \neq -2; \quad (7)$$

$$a = f = l = 0, \quad b = s = 1, \quad d = -q(c + 3), \quad g = -2, \quad n = c + 1, \quad c \neq -2; \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f = l = 0, \quad b = 1, \quad d &= a(c + 3)/(c + 2), \quad n = c + 1, \quad q = a(c + 1)/(c + 2), \\
s &= (a^2 - (c + 2)(g + 1))/(c + 2), \quad a \neq 0;
\end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$f = l = 0, \quad b = s = 1, \quad d = (c + 3)(a - q), \quad g = a^2 - aq - 2, \quad n = c + 1, \quad a \neq 0; \quad (10)$$

$$a = f = l = 0, \quad c = -2, \quad n = -b, \quad s = -g - 1; \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a &= (1 - b)(b - c - 3)/f, \quad q = ((b - 1)(2c - b + 5) - df)/f, \quad l = f, \\
g &= ((c - b + 3)((b - 1)(b - c - 4) + df) - 2f^2)/f^2, \quad n = c + 1, \\
s &= ((c - b + 3)((c + 3)(b - 1) - df) + f^2)/f^2;
\end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d &= (b - 1)(c + 3)/f, \quad g = -(a - ab + 2f)/f, \quad l = f, \quad n = c + 1, \\
q &= (af - b + 1)/f, \quad s = 1.
\end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

1.2 Sufficient center conditions in the case $m(l_1) \geq 3$

Remark 2. If $c + 1 \neq 0$, then each of the systems $\{(2), (7)\}$ and $\{(2), (8)\}$ has the parallel invariant straight lines: $x - 1 = 0$ and $(c + 1)x + 1 = 0$.

a) Darboux integrability.

Let f_1, \dots, f_r ($f_{r+1} = \exp(g_{r+1}/h_{r+1}), \dots, f_s = \exp(g_s/h_s)$) be invariant algebraic curves (exponential factors) of (1) and let K_{f_j} , $j = \overline{1, s}$, be its cofactors. The system (1) is called *Darboux integrable* if (1) has a non-constant first integral (an integrating factor) of the form $F(x, y) = f_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots f_s^{\alpha_s}$ ($\mu(x, y) = f_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots f_s^{\alpha_s}$), $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $j = \overline{1, s}$ (on the theory of Darboux, presented in the context of planar polynomial differential systems on the affine plane, see [19]). Note that the constants $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s$ are not all equal to zero. If the system (1) is Darboux integrable, then the origin $(0, 0)$ is a center.

Lemma 3. The following twelve sets of conditions are sufficient for the origin to be a center for system (2):

- (i) $a = d = f = l = q = 0$, $b = 1$, $n = 1 + c$, $s = -1 - g$, $c \neq -2$;
- (ii) $f = l = n = q = 0$, $b = 1$, $c = -1$, $d = 2a$, $s = a^2 - g - 1$;
- (iii) $c = d = f = l = 0$, $b = n = s = 1$, $g = -2$, $q = a$;
- (iv) $f = l = 0$, $b = s = -n = 1$, $c = -2$, $d = a - q$, $g = q(q - a)$,
 $q^2 - a^2 + 2 = 0$;
- (v) $a = f = l = 0$, $b = 1$, $c = -2$, $n = -1$, $q = d(g + 1)$, $s = -1 - g$;
- (vi) $a = f = l = q = 0$, $b = -c = -g = -n = 2$, $s = 1$;
- (vii) $a = 0$, $b = -n = s = 1$, $c = g = -2$, $l = f$, $q = -d$, $d - f \neq 0$;
- (viii) $a = ((1 - b)(b - c - 3))/f$, $l = f$, $n = c + 1$,
 $d = (2(b - 1)(3 - b + c)^2 + (4 - 2b + c)f^2)/((3 - b + c)f)$,
 $g = ((b - 1)(b - c - 3)(b - c - 2) + (c - 2b + 2)f^2)/f^2$,
 $q = ((-1 + b)^2(b - c - 3) + (c - 2b + 4)f^2)/((b - c - 3)f)$,
 $s = (2b - c - 3)((b - 1)(c - b + 3) + f^2)/f^2$, $b - 1 \neq 0$;
- (ix) $a = (c + 2)^2/(4f)$, $b = (c + 4)/2$, $d = (c + 2)(2c + 5)/(4f)$, $n = c + 1$,
 $g = -(c + 6)/2$, $l = f$, $q = (c + 1)(c + 2)/(4f)$, $s = c/(2(1 + c))$,
 $(c + 1)(c + 2) + 4f^2 = 0$;
- (x) $c = ((b - 1)(3a - 3ab + 5f + 2a^2f - 3bf) + 2f^3(2 - b))/\beta$,
 $d = (1 - b)(3af - f^2 + 2bf^2 - (2a^2 - 1)(b - 1))/\beta$,
 $n = (2(b - 1)(a + f) - f)(1 - b + af - f^2)/\beta$, $s = 1$,
 $g = (a(b - 1) - 2f)/f$, $l = f$, $q = (1 - b + af)/f$, $F_1F_2 = 0$,

where

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= a(b - 1)^2 + (b - 2)(b - 1)f - f^2(a + f), \\ F_1 &= a^2f - (b - 1)^2f + a(b - b^2 + f^2), \\ F_2 &= (1 - b)^3 + 2a(b - 1)^2f - 2(b - 1)f^2 - 2f^4; \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

- (xi) $a = (4v^3)/(4v^2 - 1)$, $b = (1 - 8v^2 + 8v^4)/(1 - 4v^2)$, $c = 4v^2/(1 - 4v^2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} d &= 2v(8v^2 - 3)/(4v^2 - 1), f = 2v(1 - 2v^2)/(4v^2 - 1), \\ g &= 2(2v^2 - 1)^2/(4v^2 - 1), l = 2v(1 - 2v^2)/(4v^2 - 1), \\ n &= 1/(1 - 4v^2), q = 2v(1 - 2v^2)/(4v^2 - 1), s = 1; \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (xii) \quad a &= (4v^3)/(4v^2 - 1), b = (1 - 8v^2 + 8v^4)/(1 - 4v^2), \\ c &= 2(4v^4 + v^2 - 1)/(1 - 4v^2), d = 2v(1 - 10v^2 + 8v^4)/(1 - 4v^2), \\ f &= 2v(2v^2 - 1)/(1 - 4v^2), g = 2(2v^2 - 1)^2/(4v^2 - 1), \\ l &= 2v(2v^2 - 1)/(1 - 4v^2), n = (2v^2 - 1)(1 + 4v^2)/(1 - 4v^2), \\ q &= 2v(2v^2 - 1)/(1 - 4v^2), s = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. In all the cases (i)-(xii) the system (2) has in a neighborhood of origin (0, 0) an analytical integrating factor $\mu(x, y)$:

in the case (i) $\mu(x, y) = 1/((x - 1)^3(1 + x + cx))$;

in the case (ii) $\mu(x, y) = 1/(x - 1)^3$;

in the case (iii) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-2} \exp[-y(y + 2a(x - 1))/(x - 1)^2]$;

in the case (iv) $\mu(x, y) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} \exp\left[\frac{(q-3a)(a-q+y)}{(2q^2-2aq+3)(x-1)}\right]$;

in the case (v) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-3}(x - dy - 1)^{-1}$;

in the case (vi) $\mu(x, y) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^6} \exp\left[\frac{d(-d+3dx+6y-6xy)}{6(x-1)^3}\right]$;

in the case (vii) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{\frac{4d+d^3-4f}{f-d}} \exp\left[\frac{2d(x-1)(d^2+dy-fy)-d^2fy^2}{2(d-f)(x-1)^2}\right]$;

in the case (viii) $\mu(x, y) = l_1^{\alpha_1} l_2^{\alpha_2} l_3^{\alpha_3}$, where

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 &= x - 1, l_2 = \exp[(f(b + fy - 1))/(x - 1)], \\ l_3 &= \exp[(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 y + \beta_3 y^2)/((b - c - 3)(x - 1)^2)], \\ \beta_0 &= 2(2b - c - 4)f^2 - (b - 1)(3b - 2c - 5)(b - c - 3), \\ \beta_1 &= 2((c - 2b + 4)f^2 + (b - 1)(b - c - 3)(2b - c - 3)), \\ \beta_2 &= 2f(b - 1)(b - c - 3), \beta_3 = (b - c - 3)f^2, \\ \alpha_1 &= ((c - 2b + 4)^3 f^2 + (b - 1)(b - c - 3)(-52 + 92b - 48b^2 + 8b^3 \\ &\quad - 44c + 48bc - 12b^2c - 12c^2 + 6bc^2 - c^3))/((b - 1)(b - c - 3)^2), \\ \alpha_2 &= -(2b - c - 5)(2b - c - 4)/(f(b - c - 3)), \\ \alpha_3 &= -(2b - c - 4)^2/(2(b - 1)(b - c - 3)); \end{aligned}$$

in the case (ix) $\mu(x, y) = 1/(l_1^3 \sqrt{l_2})$, where $l_1 = x - 1$,

$$l_2 = 8(\beta - 1)^2(\beta^2 + 1) - 16(\beta - 1)^2(1 + \beta^2)x \pm 8(\beta^4 - 1)y + ((3 - 2\beta + 3\beta^2)x \pm (1 - \beta^2)y)^2;$$

in the case (x)

$$\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{\alpha_1} \exp[(b - 1 + fy)(A + Bx + Cy)/(2f\beta(b - 1)(x - 1)^2)],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (1-b)((b-3)(b-1)^2 - 2f(b-1)(2ab + bf - a) + 2af^2(2a + f)), \\ B &= 2(b-1)((b-2)(b-1)^2 - af(2b^2 - 3b + 1) + f^2(1 - b + 2a^2)), \\ C &= (b-1)^3 f + 2(b-1)^2 f^3 - 2af^4, \alpha_1 = -4 + C/(f^2\beta); \end{aligned}$$

in the case (xi) $\mu(x, y) = l_2^{\alpha_2} l_3^{\alpha_3}/(x - 1)^2$, where

$$\begin{aligned} l_2 &= \exp \left[\frac{2v(1-2v^2)(2v+y)}{(4v^2-1)(x-1)} \right], \\ l_3 &= \exp \left[\frac{4v^2(2v^2-1)^2(2v+y)(-2v+4vx+y)}{(4v^2-1)^2(x-1)^2} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\alpha_2 = (3 - 4v^2)/(2v^2 - 1), \alpha_3 = (1 - 4v^2)/(4v^2(2v^2 - 1));$$

in the case (xii) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{\alpha_1} l_2^{\alpha_2} l_3^{\alpha_3}$, where l_2, l_3 are given in (15) and

$$\alpha_1 = 8v^4 - 2v^2 - 4, \alpha_2 = 4v^2 - 1, \alpha_3 = (4v^2 - 1)^2/(4(1 - 2v^2)).$$

□

b) The equation of nonlinear oscillations.

Let $a = f = k = p = r = 0$. Under these conditions the system (1) defines the following equation of nonlinear oscillations:

$$P_4(x)yy' = -xP_0(x) - 3xP_1(x)y - P_2(x)y^2 - P_3(x)y^3, \tag{16}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= dy/dx, P_0(x) = 1 + gx + sx^2, P_1(x) = (d + qx)/3, \\ P_2(x) &= b + nx, P_3(x) = l, P_4(x) = 1 + cx + mx^2. \end{aligned}$$

The substitution $y = \frac{P_0(x)Y}{1-P_1(Y)}$ [18] reduces the equation (16) to the form

$$Q_4(x)YY' = -x - Q_2(x)Y^2 - Q_3(x)Y^3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2(x) &\equiv P_0(x)P_2(x) - 3xP_1^2(x) + P_0'(x)P_4(x), \\ Q_3(x) &\equiv 2xP_1^3(x) - P_0(x)P_1(x)P_2(x) + P_0^2(x)P_3(x) \\ &\quad + P_0(x)P_1'(x)P_4(x) - P_0'(x)P_1(x)P_4(x), \\ Q_4(x) &\equiv P_0(x)P_4(x). \end{aligned}$$

By [[1], Theorem 9.4], in the case $Q_3(x) = x^{2j+1}\tilde{P}(x)$, $\tilde{P}(0) \neq 0$, the origin is a center for differential equation (16) (system $\{(1), a = f = k = p = r = 0\}$) if and only if the system of algebraic equations

$$\begin{aligned} y^4 R^3(x)Q_3^5(y) - x^4 R^3(y)Q_3^5(x) &= 0, \\ xQ(x)R^2(y) - yQ(y)R^2(x) &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R(x) &\equiv Q_4(x) (Q_3(x) - xQ_3'(x)) + 3xQ_2(x)Q_3(x), \\ Q(x) &\equiv Q_4(x) (R'(x)Q_3(x) - 3R(x)Q_3'(x)) + 4Q_2(x)Q_3(x)R(x) \end{aligned}$$

has in some neighborhood of $x = 0$ a holomorphic solution $y = \varphi(x)$, $\varphi(0) = 0$, $\varphi'(0) = -1$.

Lemma 4. *The following set of conditions are sufficient for the origin to be a center for system (2):*

$$a = f = l = s = 0, b = -n = 1/3, c = -2, g = -1, q = -2d/3. \tag{18}$$

Proof. In conditions (18) the system (2) looks as

$$\dot{x} = y(x-1)^2, \quad \dot{y} = -(3x - 3x^2 + 3dxy - 2dx^2y + y^2 - xy^2)/3. \quad (19)$$

For (19) we have:

$$P_0(x) = 1 - x, \quad P_1(x) = d(3 - 2x)/9, \quad P_2(x) = (1 - x)/3, \quad P_3(x) = 0, \\ P_4(x) = (x - 1)^2$$

and the system of equations (17) has the solution

$$y = \frac{9 - 26x + 16x^2 + (2x - 3)\sqrt{9 - 8x}}{16(x - 1)^2}.$$

□

1.3 Solution of the center problem in the case $m(l_1) \geq 3$

Theorem 1. *The system (2) with invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ of multiplicity three has a center at origin $(0, 0)$ if and only if the first four Lyapunov quantities vanish.*

Proof. To prove the theorem, we compute the first four Lyapunov quantities L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4 for each set of conditions (7)–(13) of Lemma 2. In the expressions for L_j we neglect the denominators and non-zero constant factors.

The conditions (7) are the same as in Lemma 3, (i).

In the case (8) we have $c + 2 \neq 0$. Therefore the vanishing of $L_1 = (c + 2)q$ gives $q = 0$ and we are in the conditions $\{(i), q = 0\}$ of Lemma 3.

In the case (9) $a \neq 0$ and the first Lyapunov quantity is $L_1 = (1 + c)(g + c + 4)$. If $c = -1$, then Lemma 3, (ii). Let $a(c + 1) \neq 0$ and $g = -c - 4$. The second Lyapunov quantity looks as $L_2 = a(c + 1)(5 + 2c)(a^2 + (c + 2)^2)$. If $c = -5/2$, then $L_3 = a(1 + 4a^2) \neq 0$. Therefore the origin is a focus.

In the case (10) the first Lyapunov quantity is $L_1 = (a(a - q)^2 + q - 2a)c + (a - q)(a^2 - 3aq - 2)$. Assume that

$$a(a - q)^2 + q - 2a \neq 0.$$

Then $L_1 = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$c = (q - a)(a^2 - 3aq - 2)/(a(a - q)^2 + q - 2a), \quad (20)$$

and $L_2 = f_0 f_2$, where $f_0 = a^2 q(q - a)(a^2 - q^2 - 2)((q - a)^2 + 1)$ and $f_2 = (2 - 11a^2 + 8aq + 5a^2(q - a)^2)$. If $q = 0$ (respectively, $q = a$; $a^2 - q^2 - 2 = 0$), then Lemma 3, $\{(ii), g = a^2 - 2\}$ (respectively, (iii); (iv)). Let $f_0 \neq 0$ and $f_2 = 0$. The Lyapunov quantities L_3 and L_4 have the form: $L_3 = f_0 f_3$, $L_4 = f_0 f_4$, where f_3 and f_4 , reduced by f_2 in a , look as $f_3 = 162 - 81a^2 + 948aq - 420a^3q + 180q^2 + 465a^2q^2 + 745aq^3 + 300a^3q^3 + 300a^2q^4$ and $f_4 = -184941468 + 92470734a^2 - 831357432aq + 354031560a^3q - 282740220q^2 - 324963900a^2q^2 - 1781933580aq^3 + 816459750a^3q^3 - 391131900q^4 - 872231400a^2q^4 + 269515275aq^5 - 11098387875a^3q^5 +$

$2507899500q^6 - 7129544250a^2q^6 + 10021676125aq^7 - 8736000000a^3q^7 + 6329280000a^2q^8$. The system in a and q : $\{f_2 = 0, f_3 = 0, f_4 = 0\}$ is not compatible. Suppose now that

$$a(a - q)^2 - 2a + q = 0.$$

Then $L_1 = (a - q)(-2 + a^2 - 3aq)$. Taking into account that $a \neq 0$ the system $\{a(a - q)^2 - 2a + q = 0, L_1 = 0\}$ gives us $q = 0, a^2 - 2 = 0$. Under these conditions the second and third Lyapunov quantities are $L_2 = a(c + 1)(c + 2)(c + 10)$, $L_3 = a(c + 1)(c + 2)(1394 - 1945c + 391c^2 + 61c^3)$. If $c = -1$, then Lemma 3, $\{(ii), a^2 - 2 = 0\}$ and if $c = -2$, then Lemma 3, $\{(iv), a^2 - 2 = 0\}$.

In the case (11) $L_1 = d(b + g) - q = 0 \Rightarrow q = d(b + g)$. Putting $q = d(b + g)$ in the second quantity we have $L_2 = d(b + g + 1)(b - 1)(3b + 5g + 4)$. If $d(b + g + 1) = 0$, then the cubic system is degenerate: $\gcd(P, Q) = x - 1$. Suppose $d(b + g + 1) \neq 0$. If $b = 1$, then Lemma 3, (v). Let $f_0 = d(b - 1)(b + g + 1)^2 \neq 0$ and $3b + 5g + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow g = -(3b + 4)/5$. The third Lyapunov quantity looks as $L_3 = f_0(b - 2)(3b - 1)$. If $b = 2$, then Lemma 3, (vi). If $b = 1/3$, then Lemma 4.

In the case (12) the first Lyapunov quantity is $L_1 = f^{-3}g_1g_2$, where $g_1 = df(c - b + 3) + 2(1 - b)(c - b + 3)^2 + f^2(2b - c - 4)$ and $g_2 = df + (b - 1)(b - c - 4) + f^2$. Let $g_1 = 0$. If in g_1 the coefficient of d is zero, i.e. $c = b - 3$, then the equality $g_1 = 0$ yields $b = 1$. In this subcase we are in condition (vii) of Lemma 3. Assume that $c - b + 3 \neq 0$. Then $g_1 = 0 \Rightarrow d = (2(b - 1)(c - b + 3)^2 + f^2(c - 2b + 4))/(f(c - b + 3)) \Rightarrow$ Lemma 3, (viii). Let now $g_2 = 0, g_1 \neq 0$. From $g_2 = 0$ we express d : $d = ((b - 1)(c - b + 4) - f^2)/f$. The second and third Lyapunov quantities being cancelled by non-zero factors (as $f, g_1, (b - 1)^2 + f^2$) have the form:

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= (6b - 2c - 11)(b - c - 3) - 2f^2, \\ L_3 &= ((1 - b)(2b - 3) - 2f^2)(553 - 1872b + 2359b^2 \\ &\quad - 1314b^3 + 274b^4 + 1175f^2 - 1314bf^2 + 548b^2f^2 + 274f^4) + ((b - 1)^2(2851 \\ &\quad - 6240b + 4546b^2 - 1096b^3) + f^2(6625 - 13660b + 9636b^2 - 2192b^3 - 2898f^2 \\ &\quad - 1096bf^2))\gamma + 2((b - 1)^2(193b - 241) + (193b - 157)f^2)\gamma^2 \\ &\quad + 2((b - 1)^2(548b - 629) + (548b - 1175)f^2)\gamma^3 + 548((b - 1)^2 + f^2)\gamma^4, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma = c - 2b + 4$. Solving the system $\{L_2 = 0, L_3 = 0\}$ we obtain $b = (c + 4)/2, (c + 1)(c + 2) + 4f^2 = 0$. The equation $(c + 1)(c + 2) + 4f^2 = 0$ admits the following parametrization $c = \beta/(\beta^2 + 1) - 3/2, f = \pm(\beta^2 - 1)/(4(\beta^2 + 1))$. We are in the case (ix) of Lemma 3.

In the case (13) we calculate the first four Lyapunov quantities and in their expressions we will cancel denominators and non-zero polynomial factors. The first quantity is $L_1 = (A_c c + B_c)$, where $A_c = a(b - 1)^2 + (b - 2)(b - 1)f - af^2 - f^3$ is the coefficient of c in L_1 , and $B_c = L_1|_{c=0} = 3a(b - 1)^2 + (b - 1)(3b - 2a^2 - 5)f + 2(b - 2)f^3$. Two cases are possible: I) $A_c \neq 0$ and II) $A_c = B_c = 0$.

I) $fA_c \neq 0$. We express c from $L_1 = 0$: $c = -B_c/A_c$ and replacing in $L_j, j = 2, 3, 4$, we obtain $L_2 = F_1F_2F_3$ (see (14)), where $F_3 = (a + f)^2(5a + 3f)(b - 1)^2 - 4f(a + f)(2a + f)(b - 1) - f^2(3a^3 - 2a + 11a^2f + 13af^2 + 5f^3)$, and $L_j = F_1F_2F_{j+1}, j = 3, 4$. The polynomials F_4, F_5 (in a, b, f) are very large and they are not given here. If $F_1F_2 = 0$, then Lemma 3,

(x). Suppose that $F_1F_2 \neq 0$ and $F_3 = 0$. Taking into account that $f \neq 0$ the equality $F_3 = 0$ implies $(b-1)^2 + a^2 \neq 0$.

Later on, for short, instead of *Resultant* and *PolynomialRemainder* we will write *Res* and *PRem* respectively.

I_1) Let $b = 1$, $af \neq 0$. Then $F_{3b} \equiv -F_3/f^2 = 3a^3 - 2a + 11a^2f + 13af^2 + 5f^3$ and the remainder from dividing $(F_4|_{b=1})/f^8$ by F_{3b} , treated as polynomials in f , is $-144a^2F_{4b}/625$, where $F_{4b} = 250a + 242a^3 + 12a^5 + 125f + 430a^2f + 24a^4f + 200af^2 + 12a^3f^2$. The $Res[F_{4b}, F_{3b}, f] = 390625a(3a^2 + 50) \neq 0$, i.e. the system $\{F_{3b} = 0, F_{4b} = 0\}$ has no solution.

I_2) Let $a = 0$, $f(b-1) \neq 0$. In this case $F_{3a} \equiv F_3/f^3 = (b-1)(3b-7) - 5f^2$ and $F_{4a} = PRem[(F_4|_{a=0})/f^5, F_{3a}, f] = 216(b-1)^5(2b-3)^4(3b-7)/625$. If $F_{4a} = 0$, then $F_3 \neq 0$.

We remark that if $a = -f$, then $F_3 \neq 0$.

If γ is a variable of polynomial F , then we denote by $LC(F, \gamma)$ the coefficient of greatest power of γ in F . We have $LC(F_3, b) = (a+f)^2(5a+3f)$, $LC(F_4, b) = -2(a+f)^4(115a^3 + 1330a^2f + 2491af^2 + 1032f^3)$, $LC(F_5) = -2(a+f)^6(36365a^5 - 14825a^4f - 1116816a^3f^2 - 3290564a^2f^3 - 3440437af^4 - 1109211f^5)$. Because each of the systems $\{LC(F_3, b) = 0, LC(F_4, b) = 0\}$, $\{LC(F_3, b) = 0, LC(F_5, b) = 0\}$ and $\{LC(F_4, b) = 0, LC(F_5, b) = 0\}$ is not compatible, we have the right to calculate the following three resultants:

$$\begin{aligned} Res[F_3, F_4, b] &= 5184f^{16}(a+f)^{15}(4(a+f)^2+1)^3((a-f)^2(a+f)-2a)^3G_1, \\ Res[F_3, F_5, b] &= 20736f^{28}(a+f)^{19}(4(a+f)^2+1)^5((a-f)^2(a+f)-2a)^5G_2, \\ Res[F_4, F_5, b] &= 80244904034304f^{112}(a+f)^{33}(4(a+f)^2+1)^{15} \\ &\quad \cdot ((a-f)^2(a+f)-2a)^{15}G_3, \end{aligned}$$

where G_1, G_2, G_3 are polynomials in a and f .

I_3) Let $af(b-1)(a+f)F_1F_2 \neq 0$ and $(a-f)^2(a+f) - 2a = 0$. The transformation $a \rightarrow u+v, f \rightarrow u-v$ reduces this equality to $(4v^2-1)u-v=0$. Express u from the last equality: $u = v/(4v^2-1)$ and substitute it in F_3, F_4 and F_5 . We have $F_3 = 8v^3(1-b-8v^2+4bv^2+8v^4)F_{3bv}/(4v^2-1)^5$, $F_4 = 32v^5(1-b-8v^2+4bv^2+8v^4)^3F_{4bv}/(4v^2-1)^{15}$, $F_5 = 128v^7(1-b-8v^2+4bv^2+8v^4)^5F_{5bv}/(4v^2-1)^{25}$, where $F_{3bv} = (b(4v^2+3)(4v^2-1) + 32v^6 - 40v^4 - 12v^2 + 7)$ and F_{4bv}, F_{5bv} are polynomials in b, v .

If $v(1-b-8v^2+4bv^2+8v^4) = 0$, then $F_1 = 0$. The equation $F_{3bv} = 0$ yields $b = (32v^6 - 40v^4 - 12v^2 + 7)/((4v^2+3)(1-4v^2))$. In this condition $F_{4bv} = -576v^2(16v^4-1)^3(2v^2-1)^5F_{4v}/(4v^2+3)^5$, $F_{5bv} = -2304v^2((16v^4-1)^5)((2v^2-1)^9)F_{5v}/(4v^2+3)^9$, where $F_{4v} = -30 - 123v^2 + 6v^4 + 104v^6 - 352v^8 + 128v^{10}$, $F_{5v} = -137160 - 5742894v^2 - 21786777v^4 + 24074466v^6 + 94898504v^8 - 206114048v^{10} - 194681088v^{12} + 591481856v^{14} - 312180736v^{16} - 597753856v^{18} + 865468416v^{20} - 409862144v^{22} + 66584576v^{24}$. The polynomial $v(16v^4-1)(2v^2-1)$ and the resultant $Res[F_{4v}, F_{5v}, v]$ are not equal to zero. Therefore, the equality $(a-f)^2(a+f) - 2a = 0$ does not give any new cases of center for system (2) in conditions (13).

I_4) Let now $af(b-1)(a+f)((a-f)^2(a+f) - 2a)F_1F_2 \neq 0$ and $G_1 = G_2 = G_3 = 0$. The leading coefficients $LC(G_1, a)$, $LC(G_2, a)$ and $LC(G_3, a)$ are non-zero natural numbers. We calculate the resultants: $Res[G_1, G_2, a] = f^{44}(8 + 285f^2 + 2880f^4)G_{12f}$, $Res[G_1, G_3, a] = f^{86}(8 + 285f^2 + 2880f^4)G_{13f}$, where G_{12f}, G_{13f} are polynomials in f and $Res[G_{12f}, G_{13f}, f] \neq 0$.

From subsections $I_1) - I_4)$ it follows that in the case of $A_c F_1 F_2 \neq 0$ the system $\{(2), (13)\}$ has a focus at $(0, 0)$.

II) Let now $A_c = B_c = 0$. These equalities are equivalent with equalities $A_c = \tilde{B}_c = 0$, where $\tilde{B}_c = (3A_c - B_c)/f = (2a^2 - 2f^2 - 1)b + f^2 - 2a^2 - 3af + 1$. The system of equations $\{2a^2 - 2f^2 - 1 = 0, f^2 - 2a^2 - 3af + 1 = 0\}$ is not compatible. We express b from $\tilde{B}_c = 0$: $b = (2a^2 + 3af - f^2 - 1)/(2a^2 - 2f^2 - 1)$. Then $A_c = -f^2(1 + 4(a + f)^2)/((a - f)^2(a + f) - 2a)/(2a^2 - 2f^2 - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (a - f)^2(a + f) - 2a = 0$. As for $I_3)$, via the transformation $a \rightarrow u + v, f \rightarrow u - v$ the equality $(a - f)^2(a + f) - 2a = 0$ takes the form $(4v^2 - 1)u - v = 0$. We substitute $u = v/(4v^2 - 1)$ in L_2 : $L_2 = v f_1 f_2 f_3$, where $f_1 = (4v^2 + c(4v^2 - 1))$, $f_2 = c(4v^2 - 1) + 2(4v^4 + v^2 - 1)$, $f_3 = 24v^2 - 2 + c(4v^2 - 1)$. If $v = 0$, then $u = 0$, but $u = v = 0$ implies $f = 0$ which cannot be in our case. If $f_1 = 0$ ($f_2 = 0$), then Lemma 3, (xi) (Lemma 3, (xii)). Finally, we will examine the subcase $f_3 = 0$. The equality $f_3 = 0$ yields $c = (24v^2 - 2)/(1 - 4v^2) \Rightarrow L_3 = 4608v^5 f_1 f_2 g_1 / (4v^2 - 1)^5, L_4 = v^5 f_1 f_2 g_2 / (30(1 - 4v^4)^7)$, where $g_1 = 7 + 34v^2 - 8v^4, g_2 = 6013 - 136338v^2 + 900152v^4 + 8431680v^6 - 2754304v^8 + 1340928v^{10} - 260096v^{12}$. The system $\{g_1 = 0, g_2 = 0\}$ has no solution. \square

Example 1. We consider the system (2). If

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sqrt{(3\sqrt{5} - 5)/30}, b = s = 1, c = (\sqrt{5} - 5)/2, d = \sqrt{3(5 + 3\sqrt{5})/10}, \\ f &= l = 0, g = -(15 + \sqrt{5})/10, n = (\sqrt{5} - 3)/2, q = -\sqrt{(27\sqrt{5} - 35)/30} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

then $m(l_1) = 3$ and $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = 0, L_4 \neq 0$.

Denote $C_3 = sx^4 + (k + q)x^3y + (m + n)x^2y^2 + (l + p)xy^3 + ry^4$. If $C_3 \equiv 0$, then the system (1) has degenerate infinity, i.e. the infinity consists only of singular points.

2 SOLUTION OF THE CENTER PROBLEM FOR CUBIC SYSTEMS WITH AN AFFINE REAL INVARIANT STRAIGHT LINE OF MULTIPLICITY TWO AND $m(l_\infty) \geq 2$ OR $C_3 \equiv 0$

In this section we will solve for (1) the center problem in the cases of configurations b) and c) from Fig. 1.1, i.e. in the cases $m(l_1) \geq 2$ and $m(l_\infty) \geq 2$ or $C_3 \equiv 0$.

We consider $l_1 = x - 1$, then system (1) looks as (2). For (2) we have $C_3 = x\tilde{C}_3$, where $\tilde{C}_3 = sx^3 + (q - a)x^2y + (n - c - 1)xy^2 + (l - f)y^3$.

2.1 Classification of cubic systems (2) in the case $m(l_1) \geq 2$ and $m(l_\infty) \geq 2$ or $C_3 \equiv 0$

For (2) we have

$$\mathbb{E}_\infty = (x - z) \cdot (\tilde{C}_3 \cdot H_2(x, y) + H_3(x, y)z + \dots + H_7(x, y)z^5),$$

where $H_j(x, y), j = 2, \dots, 7$, are polynomials in x and y .

The line at infinity has multiplicity at least j if the system of identities $\{H_2(x, y) \equiv 0, \dots, H_j(x, y) \equiv 0\}$ holds. In particular, the line at infinity has multiplicity at least two if $H_2(x, y) \equiv 0$. The polynomial $H_2(x, y)$ looks as:

$$H_2(x, y) = (aq - s - cs)x^4 + 2(an - fs)x^3y + (3al + n + cn - fq)x^2y^2 + 2(c + 1)lxy^3 + fly^4.$$

Solving the identities $H_2(x, y) \equiv 0$ and $C_3 \equiv 0$ in each of the sets of conditions (3)–(6) we obtain the following two Lemmas, respectively.

Lemma 5. *Both the line at infinity and the invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ of the system (2) have multiplicity at least two if and only if one of the following four series of conditions holds:*

$$a = f = l = n = s = 0, c = -2; \quad (22)$$

$$a = f = l = 0, c = -1, n = 1 - b, s = -1 - g; \quad (23)$$

$$a = f = l = n = s = 0, b = c + 2, g = -1, c + 2 \neq 0; \quad (24)$$

$$f = l = n = 0, b = c + 2, d = ((c + 2)(g + 1) + s + a^2)/a, q = s(c + 1)/a. \quad (25)$$

Lemma 6. *Let the invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ of the system (2) have multiplicity at least two. Then for this system the infinity is degenerate if and only if one of the following four series of conditions holds:*

$$a = f = l = q = s = 0, c = -2, n = -1; \quad (26)$$

$$a = f = l = q = s = 0, b = 1, g = -1, n = c + 1, c + 2 \neq 0; \quad (27)$$

$$b = 1, d = (c + 2)(g + 1)/a, f = l = s = 0, n = c + 1, q = a; \quad (28)$$

$$d = (b - 1)(c + 2)/f, g = (ab - a - f)/f, l = f, n = c + 1, q = a, s = 0. \quad (29)$$

2.2 Sufficient center conditions in the cases $m(l_1) \geq 2$ and $m(l_\infty) \geq 2$ or $C_3 \equiv 0$

a) Darboux integrability.

Lemma 7. *The following twelve sets of conditions are sufficient for system (2) to have at origin a center:*

$$(i) \quad a = b = f = l = n = s = 0, c = -2, q = dg;$$

$$(ii) \quad a = d = f = l = n = q = s = 0, c = -2;$$

$$(iii) \quad a = f = l = n = 0, b = -c = 1, q = d(g + 1), s = -1 - g;$$

$$(iv) \quad a = d = f = l = q = 0, c = -1, n = 1 - b, s = -1 - g;$$

$$(v) \quad a = f = l = n = s = 0, b = c + 2, g = -1, q = d(c + 1), c + 2 \neq 0;$$

$$(vi) \quad b = c + 2, d = (2a^2 - (c + 1)(c + 2))/a, f = l = n = 0, \\ q = (c + 1)(a^2 - (c + 2)(c + g + 2))/a, s = a^2 - (c + 2)(c + g + 2);$$

$$(vii) \quad a = d = f = l = q = s = 0, c = -2, n = -1;$$

$$(viii) \quad a = f = l = q = s = 0, c = -2, g = -b, n = -1;$$

- (ix) $a = f = l = q = s = 0, b = 1, g = -1, n = c + 1, c + 2 \neq 0;$
- (x) $b = 1, d = (c + 2)(g + 1)/a, f = l = s = 0, n = c + 1, q = a,$
 $a^2(c + 2g + 4) - (c + 2)(g + 1)^2 = 0;$
- (xi) $d = (b - 1)(c + 2)/f, g = (ab - a - f)/f, l = f, n = c + 1, q = a,$
 $s = 0, 2(f^2 - (b - 1)^2 + (b - 1)(a - f)f) + c(f^2 - (b - 1)^2) = 0;$
- (xii) $a = q = -f, d = (b - 1)(c + 2)/f, g = -b, l = f, n = c + 1, s = 0.$

Proof. In all the cases (i)-(xii) the system (2) has in a neighborhood of origin $(0, 0)$ an analytical integrating factor $\mu(x, y)$:

in the case (i) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-2}(1 + dy)^{-1};$

in the case (ii) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-2} \exp[2bx/(1 - x)];$

in the case (iii) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-3-d^2(3+2g)} \exp \left[\frac{d(d(g+2)+y)}{x-1} - d^2(g+1)x \right];$

in the case (iv) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-3} \exp[2(b - 1)x];$

in the case (v) $\mu(x, y) = \frac{(c+1)x+1}{(x-1)^{3+d^2(2c+3)}} \exp \left[\frac{d(c+2)(d+y)}{x-1} + d(c+1)(y - dx) \right];$

in the case (vi) $\mu(x, y) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2((c+2)(ax+y+cy)-a)};$

in the case (vii) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-4} \exp[2(1 - b)/(x - 1)];$

in the case (viii) $\mu(x, y) = 1/((x - 1)\Psi)$, where $\Psi = (bx - 1)^2 - d(bx - 1)y - (b - 1)^2y^2$ (note that Ψ is reducible in $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$, i.e. $\Psi = l_2l_3$, where l_2 and l_3 are straight lines with real coefficients);

in the case (ix) $\mu(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-3-\frac{d^2}{(c+2)^2}} (1 + x + cx)^{-1+\frac{d^2}{(c+2)^2}} \exp \left[\frac{d(d+2y+cy)}{(c+2)(x-1)} \right];$

in the case (x) $\mu(x, y) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^4} \exp \left[\frac{((c+2)(g+1)-2a^2)(1+g+ay)}{a^2(x-1)} \right];$

in the case (xi) $\mu(x, y) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^4} \exp \left[\frac{((b-1)(c+2)-2af)(b-1+fy)}{f^2(x-1)} \right];$

in the case (xii) $\mu(x, y) = 1/((x - 1)^2\Phi)$, where $\Phi = f - f(2b - c - 2)x + (2f^2 + (b - 1)(c + 2))y + f(b(b - c - 2) - f^2)x^2 + (cf^2 - (b - 1)(c + 2)(b - c - 2))xy + f(f^2 - (b - 1)(b - c - 3))y^2$ (note that $\Phi = l_1l_2$, where l_2 and l_3 are straight lines with real coefficients). \square

b) Reversibility.

The system (1) (in particular, the system (2)) has a center at $O(0, 0)$ if there exists a diffeomorphism

$$\Phi : U \rightarrow V, \Phi = \{x = \varphi(X, Y), y = \psi(X, Y)\}, \Phi(0, 0) = (0, 0)$$

which brings system (1.1) to a system with the axis of symmetry. In particular, if $\varphi(X, Y)$ and $\psi(X, Y)$ are rational functions, then we say that (1) is rationally reversible ([31]).

In this subsection we consider the diffeomorphism of the form

$$\Phi = \left\{ x = \frac{a_1X + b_1Y}{a_3X + b_3Y - 1}, y = \frac{a_2X + b_2Y}{a_3X + b_3Y - 1} \right\}, \tag{30}$$

$a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \neq 0$. Applying the transformation (30) to (1) we obtain a system of the form $\dot{X} = R(X, Y)/L(X, Y), \dot{Y} = S(X, Y)/L(X, Y)$ which is equivalent in a neighborhood of $O(0, 0)$ with the system $\dot{X} = R(X, Y), \dot{Y} = S(X, Y)$. If $R(X, Y) = Y + M(X^2, Y), S(X, Y) = -X(1 + N(X^2, Y))$, i.e.

$$\dot{X} = Y + M(X^2, Y), \quad \dot{Y} = -X(1 + N(X^2, Y)), \tag{31}$$

then for (31) $X = 0$ is an axis of symmetry and therefore the system (1) has a center at $O(0, 0)$.

Lemma 8. *The following set of conditions are sufficient for the origin to be a center for system (2):*

$$c = -3b = -3/2, d = (a^2 + s)/a, f = g + 1 = l = n = 0, q = -s/(2a). \quad (32)$$

Proof. In conditions (32) the system (2) looks as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= (1 - x)(2y + 2ax^2 - xy)/2, \\ \dot{y} &= -(2ax - 2ax^2 + 2(a^2 + s)xy + ay^2 + 2asx^3 - sx^2y)/(2a). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

In a neighborhood of $O(x, y)$ the transformation

$$\Phi = \left\{ x = \frac{2X}{X+2}, y = \frac{2Y}{X+2} \right\}$$

reduces (33) to a system of the form (31):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X} &= Y + X^2(4a - Y - aX^2)/4, \\ \dot{Y} &= -X(4a + 4(a^2 + s)Y + a(4s - 1)X^2 + 2aY^2 + a^2X^2Y)/(4a). \end{aligned}$$

□

2.3 Solution of the center problem in the cases $m(l_1) \geq 2$ and $m(l_\infty) \geq 2$ or $C_3 \equiv 0$

Theorem 2. *The system (2) with the line at infinity and the invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ both of multiplicity two has a center at origin $(0, 0)$ if and only if the first four Lyapunov quantities vanish.*

Proof. Assume one of the sets of conditions (22)–(25) of Lemma 5 holds. In the case (22) the first Lyapunov quantity looks as $L_1 = d(b + g) - q$. If $q = d(b + g)$, then $L_2 = bdG_2$, $L_3 = bdG_3$, $L_4 = bdG_4$, where G_2, G_3, G_4 are polynomial in b, d, g . The remainders after dividing G_3 and G_4 by $G_2 = 1 + 6b + 3b^2 + 6g + 8bg + 5g^2$ are, respectively, $G_{3g} \equiv PRem[G_3, G_2, g] = 2 + 4b + 6b^2 + 14b^3 - 6b^4 + 2g + 3bg + 14b^2g - 6b^3g$ and $G_{4g} \equiv PRem[G_4, G_2, g] = 2(11079 + 40677b + 67806b^2 + 82222b^3 + 143414b^4 + 119560b^5 - 60168b^6) + (22158 + 70275b + 103500b^2 + 226660b^3 + 239120b^4 - 120336b^5)g + 3175d^2G_{3g}$. If $b = 0$ ($d = 0$), then Lemma 7, (i) (Lemma 7, (ii)) and if $bd \neq 0$, then the system $G_2 = G_{3g} = G_{4g} = 0$ has no solution.

Case (23). We have $L_1 = d(b + g) - q$ and $L_1 = 0 \Rightarrow q = d(b + g) \Rightarrow L_j = d(b - 1)F_j$, $j = 2, 3, 4$. If $b = 1$ ($d = 0$), then Lemma 7, (iii) (Lemma 7, (iv)). Let $d(b - 1) \neq 0$. The system in b, d, g : $\{F_2 = F_{3g} = F_{4g} = 0, b - 1 \neq 0\}$, where $F_2 = 2 + 4b + 3b^2 + 6g + 8bg + 5g^2$, $F_{3g} \equiv PRem[F_3, F_2, g] = 2(3 + 4b - 10b^2 + b^3 + 3b^4) + (13 - 13b - 4b^2 + 6b^3)g$, $F_{4g} \equiv PRem[F_4, F_2, g] =$

$2(887 - 3052b + 98954b^2 + 20788b^3 - 216554b^4 + 51688b^5 + 60168b^6) + (4977 + 4645b + 268740b^2 - 355980b^3 - 16960b^4 + 120336b^5)g + 3175F_{3g}d^2$, is incompatible.

In the case (24) the first Lyapunov quantity is $L_1 = d(c + 1) - q$. If $q = d(c + 1)$, then Lemma 7, (v).

Under conditions (25) the first two Lyapunov quantities look as: $L_1 = f_1f_2$, $L_2 = f_1f_3$, where $f_1 = (a^2 - (c + 2)(c + g + 2) - s)$, $f_2 = g + 1$ and $f_3 = 8a^4(3 + 2c) - 4(a^2(33 + 5a^2 + 30c + 7c^2 - 4s) + s^2)f_2 - 2(8a^2 + a^2c + 8s + 4cs)f_2^2 - (5a^2 + 4(2 + c)^2)f_2^3$. If $f_1 = 0$, then Lemma 7, (vi), and if $f_2 = f_3 = 0$, i.e. $g = -1$, $c = -3/2$, then Lemma 8. \square

Example 2. We consider the system (2). If $a = f = l = n = s = 0$, $b = (\sqrt{10} - 1)/3$, $c = -2$, $g = -2\sqrt{10}/5$, $q = -(\sqrt{10} + 5)d/15$, then $m(l_1) = 2$, $m(l_\infty) = 2$, $C_3 \neq 0$ and $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = 0$, $L_4 \neq 0$.

Theorem 3. The system (2) with degenerate infinity ($C_3 \equiv 0$) and the invariant straight line $x - 1 = 0$ of multiplicity two has a center at origin $(0, 0)$ if and only if the first Lyapunov quantity vanishes.

Proof. In the case (26) the first Lyapunov quantity looks as $L_1 = d(g + b)$. If $d = 0$, then Lemma 7, (vii), and if $g = -b$, then Lemma 7, (viii).

The conditions (27) are the same as in Lemma 7, (ix).

In the case (28) if $L_1 = 0$, i.e. $a^2(4 + c + 2g) - (2 + c)(1 + g)^2 = 0$, then Lemma 7, (x).

In the case (29) the quantity L_1 has the form $L_1 = (a + f)g_1$, where $g_1 = 2(f^2 - (b - 1)^2 + (b - 1)(a - f)f) + c(f^2 - (b - 1)^2)$. If $g_1 = 0$, then Lemma 7, (xi) and if $a + f = 0$, then Lemma 7, (xii). \square

3 SOLUTION OF THE CENTER PROBLEM FOR CUBIC SYSTEMS WITH AN AFFINE REAL INVARIANT STRAIGHT LINE AND THE LINE AT INFINITY OF MULTIPLICITY AT LEAST THREE

In this section we will solve for (1) the center problem in the case of configuration d) from Fig. 1.1.

Without loss of generality we consider that the real invariant straight line is described by equation $x - 1 = 0$, i.e. the system (1) has the form (2).

Theorem 4. The system (2) with the line at infinity of multiplicity at least three has a center at origin $(0, 0)$ if and only if the first four Lyapunov quantities vanish.

Proof. The transformation $X = x/(x - 1)$, $Y = y/(x - 1)$ reduces the system (2) to the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{X} &= (X - 1)(-Y + aX^2 + (c + 2)XY + fY^2), \\ \dot{Y} &= -(X - (g + 2)X^2 - dXY + (1 - b)Y^2 + (g + s + 1)X^3 \\ &\quad + (d + q - a)X^2Y + (b + n - c - 2)XY^2 + (l - f)Y^3). \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

The line at infinity for (34) has multiplicity at least three if and only if one of the sets of conditions (7)–(13) holds. Moreover, the system (34) with the line at infinity of multiplicity

at least three has at $(0, 0)$ a center if and only if at least one of the series of conditions of Lemma 3 and Lemma 4 is satisfied.

Under the conditions (21) the line at infinity has multiplicity three for system (34) and $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = 0$, $L_4 \neq 0$. \square

The Main Theorem results from Sections 1-3.

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У роботі розглядається система двох диференціальних рівнянь із кубічними многочленами у правих частинах, для якої змінні та коефіцієнти набувають дійсних значень. Для цієї системи точка $(0,0)$ є критичним типом центра або фокуса. Актуальною є проблема розрізнення цих типів (проблема центра). Початок координат є центром тоді і тільки тоді, коли всі ляпуновські величини $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n, \dots$ рівні нулю. У випадках, коли система має чотири (три) різні афінні прямі у працях О. Шубе і Д. Козьми показано, що точка $(0,0)$ є центр тоді і тільки тоді, коли анулюються перші дві (сім) ляпунівські величини.

У цих роботах під час розгляду проблеми центру не враховувалася кратність лінії на нескінченності ($m(l_\infty)$) та афінних інваріантних) прямих ($m(l_j)$). У даній статті ця задача розв'язана за наявності дійсної афінної інваріантної прямої l_1 , здійснено класифікацію систем, для яких $m(l_\infty) + m(l_1) \geq 4$, і доведено, що початок координат є центром лише за рівності нулю перших чотирьох ляпуновських величин. При доведенні використовуються методи інтегровності Дарбу, оборотності Желондека та узагальненої симетрії Черкаса. Наведено приклади, що вказують на суттєвість вимоги $L_1 = L_2 = L_3 = L_4 = 0$.

Ключові слова і фрази: кубічна диференціальна система, проблема центру, інваріантна пряма.