

# EXPLICIT EXPRESSION FOR FIRST INTEGRAL OF A RATIONAL TYPE OF KOLMOGOROV SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we characterize the integrability and introduce an explicit expression of first integral then consequently the non-existence of periodic orbits for rational type of the planar Kolmogorov systems of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= x \left( \frac{P_{n_1}(x, y)}{P_{n_2}(x, y)} + \frac{R_{k_1}(x, y)}{R_{k_2}(x, y)} \right) \\ \dot{y} &= y \left( \frac{Q_{m_1}(x, y)}{Q_{m_2}(x, y)} + \frac{R_{k_1}(x, y)}{R_{k_2}(x, y)} \right)\end{aligned}$$

where  $n_1, n_2, m_1, m_2, k_1,$  and  $k_2$  are positive integers and  $P_i, Q_j,$  and  $R_k$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree  $i, j$  and  $k$  respectively such that  $n_1 - n_2 = m_1 - m_2$ . We also present an example in order to illustrate the applicability of the result.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A two dimensional rational vector field defined on the real plane is a vector field of the form

$$(1.1) \quad X(x, y) = P(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + Q(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

where  $P, Q$  are rational functions means division of two homogeneous polynomials

$$P(x, y) = \frac{P_{n_1}(x, y)}{P_{n_2}(x, y)}, \quad Q(x, y) = \frac{Q_{m_1}(x, y)}{Q_{m_2}(x, y)}$$

and  $P_i(x, y), Q_j(x, y)$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree  $i, j$  respectively, and  $P(x, y), Q(x, y)$  are coprime in the ring  $R[x, y]$ .

Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $R^2$ . If there exists a non-constant  $C^1$  function  $H : U \rightarrow R$ , which is constant on all the solutions of  $X$  contained in  $U$ , then we say that  $H$  is a first integral of  $X$  on  $U$ , and that  $X$  is integrable on  $U$ . Means we have  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} P + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} Q = 0$  on  $U$ . For more details about first integral see for instance [1,2,4,5,6,7,11], see also the references quoted in those articles.

If  $f \in R[x, y]$ , then  $f(x, y) = 0$  is an algebraic curve. We say that  $f = 0$  is invariant if  $Xf = Kf, K \in R[x, y]$ . In this case  $K$  is called the cofactor of  $f$ . Its degree is lower than  $n_1 - n_2$ . The expression which defines  $K$  is written as

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} P + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} Q = Kf$$

Recall that a limit cycle of system 1.1 is an isolated periodic solution in the set of all periodic solutions of the system. On the points of the algebraic curve

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$f(x, y) = 0$ , one can see from 1.2 that the gradient of  $f$  is orthogonal to the vector field  $(P, Q)$ . Hence at every point of  $f = 0$  the vector field  $(P, Q)$  is tangent to the curve  $f = 0$ , so the curve  $f = 0$  is formed by trajectories of the vector field  $(P, Q)$ .

In [10] the authors characterize the integrability and an explicit expression of first integral and the non-existence of periodic orbits for the 2-dimensional Kolmogorov systems of polynomial form

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x(P_n(x, y) + R_m(x, y)) \\ \dot{y} &= y(Q_n(x, y) + R_m(x, y)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $n$  and  $m$  are positive integers and  $P_n, Q_n$  and  $R_m$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree  $n, n$ , and  $m$  respectively.

In this paper we extend these results to characterize integrability and present an explicit expression of first integral and then the non-existence of periodic orbits to systems with  $P_n, Q_n$  and  $R_m$  are not necessarily polynomials, but rational functions of the form

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x \left( \frac{P_{n_1}(x, y)}{P_{n_2}(x, y)} + \frac{R_{k_1}(x, y)}{R_{k_2}(x, y)} \right) \\ \dot{y} &= y \left( \frac{Q_{m_1}(x, y)}{Q_{m_2}(x, y)} + \frac{R_{k_1}(x, y)}{R_{k_2}(x, y)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with  $n_1 - n_2 = m_1 - m_2 = n$  and  $k_1 - k_2 = k$ .

These systems, as mentioned in [10], are called Kolmogorov systems which appear in applications that the per unit of change  $\frac{dx_i}{dt}/x_i$  of the dependent variables  $x_i(t)$  are given functions  $f_i(x_i, \dots, x_n)$  of these variables at any time. These systems are also called Lotka-Volterra systems because they were first studied by them in [12] and in [14], respectively. Later on Kolmogorov came, giving some generalization in [8] and then some authors denote them by Kolmogorov systems. There are many natural phenomena which can be modeled by the Kolmogorov systems such as mathematical ecology and population dynamics [12], chemical reactions, plasma physics [9], hydrodynamics [3] economics, etc.

## 2. MEAN RESULT

Before we present the Theorem, define the trigonometric functions

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} F(\theta) &= \cos^2 x \frac{P_{n_1}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)}{P_{n_2}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)} + \sin^2 x \frac{Q_{m_1}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)}{Q_{m_2}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)} \\ G(\theta) &= \cos \theta \sin \theta \left[ \frac{Q_{m_1}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)}{Q_{m_2}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)} - \frac{P_{n_1}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)}{P_{n_2}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)} \right] \\ R(\theta) &= \frac{R_{k_1}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)}{R_{k_2}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.** *Consider system 1.4. Then the following statements hold.*

(a) If  $G(\theta) \neq 0$  and  $n \neq k$ , then system 1.4 has the first integral

$$(2.2) \quad H(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{k-n}{2}} \exp \left( (k-n) \int^{\arctan \frac{y}{x}} J(s) ds \right) + \\ (k-n) \int^{\arctan \frac{y}{x}} K(u) \exp \left( (k-n) \int^u J(s) ds \right) du$$

where

$$(2.3) \quad J(\theta) = \frac{F(\theta)}{G(\theta)} \quad \text{and} \quad K(\theta) = \frac{R(\theta)}{G(\theta)}$$

(b) If  $G(\theta) \neq 0$  and  $n = k$ , then system 1.4 has the first integral

$$(2.4) \quad H(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left( - \int^{\arctan \frac{y}{x}} (J(s) + K(s)) ds \right)$$

(c) If  $G(\theta) \equiv 0$ , then system 1.4 has the first integral  $H(x, y) = \frac{y}{x}$ .

(d) System 1.4 has no periodic orbits.

*Proof.* (a)

System 1.4 in the polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$  is in the form

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{r} &= r^{n+1} F(\theta) + r^{k+1} R(\theta) \\ \dot{\theta} &= r^n G(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

where  $F$ ,  $G$  and  $R$  are given in 2.1,  $n = n_1 - n_2 = m_1 - m_2$  and  $k = k_1 - k_2$ .

Here we assume that  $G(\theta) \neq 0$ , then if we consider  $r$  as dependent variable of the independent variable  $\theta$ , system 2.5 becomes the differential equation

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{dr}{d\theta} = rJ(\theta) + r^{k+1-n}K(\theta)$$

where  $J(\theta)$  and  $K(\theta)$  are given in 2.3.

Equation 2.6 is a Bernoulli differential equation. Make use of the transformation  $\rho = r^{n-k}$  in order to transform equation 2.6 to the following linear differential equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\theta} - (n-k)J(\theta)\rho = (n-k)K(\theta)$$

This equation has the first integral 2.2 given in the statement of the Theorem. Hence statement (a) of the Theorem is proved.  $\square$

*Proof.* (b)

Suppose now that  $G(\theta) \neq 0$  and  $n = k$ . Then the differential equation 2.6 becomes

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} = r [J(\theta) + K(\theta)]$$

which has the first integral 2.4 given in the statement of the Theorem. Hence statement (b) of the Theorem is proved.  $\square$

*Proof.* (c)

Now assume that  $G(\theta) \equiv 0$ . Then from 2.5 we have  $\dot{\theta} = 0$ . So the straight lines through the origin of coordinates of the differential system 1.4 are invariant by the flow of this system. Hence  $h = \frac{y}{x}$  is a first integral of the system. This completes the proof of statement (c).  $\square$

*Proof.* (d)

Assume that system 1.4 has an equilibrium point  $a$ . Since the axes  $x$  and  $y$  are formed by trajectories of the system, surrounding the equilibrium located on the axes cannot be periodic orbit.

Suppose the equilibrium point  $a$  located off the axes  $x$ ,  $y$ , means in one of the open quadrants.

Let  $\gamma$  be a periodic orbit surrounding the equilibrium point  $a$ . Let  $H(\gamma) = h_\gamma$ .

Assume that  $G(\theta) \neq 0$  and  $n \neq k$ , then the curve  $H = h$  with  $h \in R$ , which are formed by trajectories of the differential system 2.5 can be written as

$$r(\theta) = \left[ h \exp \left( (n-k) \int^\theta J(s) ds \right) - (k-n) \exp \left( (n-k) \int^\theta J(s) ds \right) \int^\theta K(u) \exp \left( (k-n) \int^u J(s) ds \right) du \right]^{\frac{1}{n-k}}$$

Hence the orbit  $\gamma$  is contained in the curve

$$r(\theta) = \left[ h_\gamma \exp \left( (n-k) \int^\theta J(s) ds \right) - (k-n) \exp \left( (n-k) \int^\theta J(s) ds \right) \int^\theta K(u) \exp \left( (k-n) \int^u J(s) ds \right) du \right]^{\frac{1}{n-k}}$$

But this curve cannot contain the periodic orbit  $\gamma$  contained in one of the open quadrants because this curve has at most a unique point on every ray  $\theta = \theta^*$  for all  $\theta^* \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

Now suppose that  $G(\theta) \neq 0$  and  $n = k$ . From 2.4, the curves  $H = h$  with  $h \in R$  can be written as

$$r(\theta) = h \exp \left( \int^\theta (J(s) + K(s)) ds \right)$$

So the period orbit  $\gamma$  must be contained in the curve

$$r(\theta) = h_\gamma \exp \left( \int^\theta (J(s) + K(s)) ds \right)$$

Again this curve cannot contain the periodic orbit  $\gamma$  for same reason that in the previous case.

Finally assume that  $G(\theta) \equiv 0$ . Then since all the straight lines through the origin are formed by trajectories, clearly the system has no periodic orbits. This completes the proof of statement (d).  $\square$

3. EXAMPLE

The example is presented to illustrate the applicability of the Theorem 1. Consider the following differential system

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \frac{-x^2 + y^2}{y^2} \\ \dot{y} &= \frac{-2x}{y} \end{aligned}$$

In order to rewrite the system 3.1 in the canonical form 1.4, we may write

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= x \left( \frac{x}{y^2} - \frac{2x^2 - y^2}{xy^2} \right) \\ \dot{y} &= y \left( \frac{-1}{x} - \frac{2x^2 - y^2}{xy^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} F(\theta) &= \frac{\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}, & G(\theta) &= \frac{-1}{\sin \theta}, \\ J(\theta) &= \frac{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta}, & K(\theta) &= \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $n_2 = 2$ ,  $m_1 = 0$ ,  $m_2 = 1$ ,  $k_1 = 2$ , and  $k_2 = 3$ . So  $n_1 - n_2 = m_1 - m_2 = -1 = n$ , and  $k_1 - k_2 = -1 = k$ , therefore  $n = k$ , so it is the case (b) of the Theorem.

Hence by Theorem(b) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, y) &= (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left( - \int^{\arctan \frac{y}{x}} (J(s) + K(s)) ds \right) \\ &= \frac{x^2 + y^2}{y} \end{aligned}$$

It is clear, by direct calculation, that

$$\frac{dH}{dt} (= \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \dot{x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} \dot{y}) = 0$$

This justifies the applicability of the Theorem (b).

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