

CENTER PROBLEM FOR Λ - Ω DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT. The Λ - Ω systems are the real planar polynomial differential equations of degree m

$$\dot{x} = -y(1 + \Lambda) + x\Omega, \quad \dot{y} = x(1 + \Lambda) + y\Omega,$$

where $\Lambda = \Lambda(x, y)$ and $\Omega = \Omega(x, y)$ are polynomials of degree at most $m - 1$ such that $\Lambda(0, 0) = \Omega(0, 0) = 0$. We study the center problem for these Λ - Ω systems. Any planar vector fields with linear type center can be written as an Λ - Ω systems if and only if the Poincaré-Liapunov first integral is of the form $F = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)(1 + O(x, y))$. These kind of linear type centers are called weak centers, they contain the class of center studied by Alwash and Lloyd [1], and also contain the uniform isochronous centers, and the holomorphic isochronous centers, but they do not coincide with the all class of isochronous centers.

The main objective of this paper is to study the center problem for two particular classes of Λ - Ω systems of degree m .

First if $\Lambda = \mu(a_2x - a_1y)$, and $\Omega = a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}$, where μ, a_1, a_2 are constants and $\Omega_{m-1} = \Omega_{m-1}(x, y)$ is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m - 1$, then we prove the following results.

- (i) These Λ - Ω systems have a weak center at the origin if and only if $(\mu + m - 2)(a_1^2 + a_2^2) = 0$, and $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_{m-1}(\cos t, \sin t) dt = 0$;
- (ii) If $m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ and $(\mu + m - 2)(a_1^2 + a_2^2) \neq 0$, then the given Λ - Ω systems have a weak center at the origin if and only if these systems after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ are invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

Second if $\Lambda = a_1x + a_2y$, and $\Omega = \Omega_{m-1}$, where a_1, a_2 are constants and $\Omega_{m-1} = \Omega_{m-1}(x, y)$ is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m - 1$, then we prove the following results.

- (i) These Λ - Ω systems have a weak center at the origin if and only if $a_1 = a_2 = 0$, and $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_{m-1}(\cos t, \sin t) dt = 0$;
- (ii) If $m = 2, 3, 4, 5$ and $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$, then the given Λ - Ω systems have a weak center at the origin if and only if these systems after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ are invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

We observe that the main difficulty to prove results (ii) for $m > 6$ is related with the huge computations necessary for proving them.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathcal{X} = P \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + Q \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ be the real planar polynomial vector field associated to the real planar polynomial differential system

$$(1) \quad \dot{x} = P(x, y), \quad \dot{y} = Q(x, y),$$

where the dot denotes derivative with respect to an independent variables here called the time t , and P and Q are real coprime polynomials in $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$. We say that polynomial differential system (1) has *degree* $m = \max \{\deg P, \deg Q\}$.

In what follows we assume that the origin $O := (0, 0)$ is a singular or equilibrium point, i.e. $P(0, 0) = Q(0, 0) = 0$.

The equilibrium point O is a *center* if there exists an open neighborhood U of O where all the orbits contained in $U \setminus \{O\}$ are periodic.

Suppose that the polynomial differential system (1) has a center at the origin. It known that doing a linear change of variables and perhaps a constant scaling of the independent variable, system (1) becomes in one of the next three systems:

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y + X(x, y), & \dot{y} &= x + Y(x, y), \\ \dot{x} &= y + X(x, y), & \dot{y} &= Y(x, y), \\ \dot{x} &= X(x, y), & \dot{y} &= Y(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

where $X(x, y)$ and $Y(x, y)$ are polynomials starting at least with quadratic terms in a neighborhood of the origin. If the origin of system (1) is a center we say that it is of *linear type*, *nilpotent* or *degenerate* if after a linear change of variables and a scaling of the time it can be written as the first, second or third system of (2), respectively.

The study of the centers of analytical or polynomial differential systems (1) has a long history. The first works are due to Poincaré [15] and Dulac [6]. Later on were developed by Bendixson [3], Frommer [7], Liapunov [12] and many others.

Here we shall work with the differential systems of the form

$$(3) \quad \dot{x} = -y + X, \quad \dot{y} = x + Y,$$

where $X = X(x, y)$ and $Y = Y(x, y)$ are polynomials, and the degree of the polynomial differential system (3) is $m = \max \{\deg X, \deg Y\} \geq 2$. The *center-focus problem* asks about conditions on the coefficients of X and Y for distinguish when the origin of system (3) is either a focus or a center.

In this paper we shall study the particular case of differential systems (3) of the form

$$(4) \quad \dot{x} = -y(1 + \Lambda) + x\Omega, \quad \dot{y} = x(1 + \Lambda) + y\Omega,$$

where $\Lambda = \Lambda(x, y)$ and $\Omega = \Omega(x, y)$ are polynomials such $m = \max \{\deg \Lambda, \deg \Omega\} + 1$.

Systems (4) are called Λ - Ω *systems*. First we observe that if these systems have a center at the origin then they have a first integral of the form

$$(5) \quad F = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)(1 + O(x, y)).$$

This kind of centers having first integral of the form (5) are called *weak centers*, they contain the uniform isochronous centers and the holomorphic isochronous centers (for a proof of these results see [11]), but they do not coincide with the all class of isochronous centers (see Remark 19 of [11]).

This class of planar polynomial differential systems (4) appear in different fields. If we assume that $\Lambda = \lambda(x^2 + y^2) - 1$, and $\Omega = \omega(x^2 + y^2)$, then system (4) becomes

$$\dot{x} = -y\lambda(x^2 + y^2) + x\omega(x^2 + y^2), \quad \dot{y} = x\lambda(x^2 + y^2) + y\omega(x^2 + y^2),$$

which is called a *lambda-omega system* (see for instance [8]). On the other hand it is well known the following result (see for instance [2]).

Theorem 1. *Let \mathcal{X} be a polynomial vector field associated to the differential system (3).*

- (i) *Then \mathcal{X} has either a focus or a center at the origin, and under a formal change of coordinates the differential system associated to \mathcal{X} can be written in the Birkhoff normal form*

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + S_2(x^2 + y^2)) + xS_1(x^2 + y^2) := P, \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + S_2(x^2 + y^2)) + yS_1(x^2 + y^2) := Q, \end{aligned}$$

where $S_j = S_j(x^2 + y^2)$ for $j = 1, 2$ are formal series in the variable $x^2 + y^2$ and such that $S_2(0) = S_1(0) = 0$.

- (ii) *If \mathcal{X} has a center at the origin then the formal system (6) becomes analytic with $S_1(x^2 + y^2) = 0$ (see for instance [15, 12]) with the first integral $x^2 + y^2$. Consequently any linear type center locally is a weak center.*

Finally, by applying the inverse approach in ordinary differential equations see [9] the following theorem is proved and shows the importance of system (4) in the theory of ordinary differential equations (see Theorem 13 in [11]).

Theorem 2. *The polynomial differential system (3) has a weak center at the origin if and only if it can be written as (4) with*

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \sum_{j=2}^m \left(\frac{j+1}{2} \Upsilon_{j-1} + \frac{j}{2} g_1 \Upsilon_{j-2} + \dots + \frac{3}{2} g_{j-2} \Upsilon_1 + g_{j-1} \right), \\ \Omega &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^m \left(\{\Upsilon_{j-1}, H_2\} + g_1 \{\Upsilon_{j-2}, H_2\} + \dots + g_{j-2} \{\Upsilon_1, H_2\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\Upsilon_0 = 1$, $g_0 = 1$, g_j and Υ_j are homogenous polynomials of degree j for $j \geq 1$ and has the first integral of the form

$$H = H_2 \Phi = H_2(1 + \mu_1 \Upsilon_1 + \dots + \mu_{m-1} \Upsilon_{m-1}),$$

where $H_2 = (x^2 + y^2)/2$, and $\mu_j = \mu_j(x, y)$ is a convenient analytic function in the neighborhood of the origin for $j = 1, \dots, m-1$.

2. STATEMENT OF THE MAIN RESULTS

In this section we give the statements of our main results which will be proved in sections 4, 5 and 6, also we state some conjectures.

Proposition 3. *The polynomial differential system of degree m*

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + (m-2)(a_1y - a_2x)) + x(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + (m-2)a_1y - a_2x) + y(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\Omega_{m-1} = \Omega_{m-1}(x, y)$ is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m-1$, has a weak center at the origin if and only if

$$(8) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_{m-1}(\cos t, \sin t) dt = 0.$$

Moreover system (7) has the first integral

$$(9) \quad H = \frac{H_2}{\left(1 + \frac{m-1}{m+1}G(x, y) + \Gamma(x, y) + \Phi(H_2)\right)^{2/(m-1)}} = H_2(1 + h.o.t.),$$

where G is a polynomial of degree $m-1$ and such that $\{H_2, G\} = -(m+1)(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1})$, $\Gamma = \Gamma(x, y)$ is a convenient polynomial and $\Phi(H_2)$ is a convenient polynomial if m even and a convenient function if m is odd (see the proof for the expressions of Γ and Φ).

We observe that if we take $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ in Proposition 3 we obtain following corollary.

Corollary 4. *The polynomial differential system of degree m*

$$(10) \quad \dot{x} = -y + x\Omega_{m-1} \quad \dot{y} = x + y\Omega_{m-1},$$

has a weak uniform center at the origin if and only if (8) holds. Moreover system (10) has the Poincaré-Liapunov first integral (9) where G is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m-1$ and such that $\{H_2, G\} = \Omega_{m-1}$.

Conti in [5] proved the first part of Corollary4, but the second part providing an explicit expression of the first integral of system (10) is new.

Remark 5. *The weak centers obtained in Proposition 3 and Corollary 4 in general are not invariant with respect to the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (-x, y, -t)$. Indeed the polynomial differential system of degree $2k$ given by formula (7) and (10), when Ω_{2k-1} is an arbitrary polynomial of degree $2k-1$, in general is not reversible and has the weak center at the origin.*

We recall that a polynomial differential system has a uniform center at the origin if written in polar coordinates $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$ we obtain that θ is constant.

Conjecture 6. *The polynomial differential system of degree m*

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + x(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + y(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \end{aligned}$$

where $(\mu+m-2)(a_1^2+a_2^2) \neq 0$, and $\Omega_{m-1} = \Omega_{m-1}(x, y)$ is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m-1$ has a weak center at the origin if and only if system (11) after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

Theorem 7. *Conjecture 6 holds for $m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.*

Conjecture 8. *The polynomial differential system of degree m*

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + x\Omega_{m-1}, \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + y\Omega_{m-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$, and $\Omega_{m-1} = \Omega_{m-1}(x, y)$ is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m - 1$ has a weak center at the origin if and only if system (12) after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

Theorem 9. *Conjecture 8 holds for $m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.*

The only difficulty for proving Conjectures 6 and 8 for the Λ - Ω systems of degree m with $m > 6$ is the huge number of computations for obtaining the conditions that characterize the centers.

3. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In the proofs of the main results of this paper it plays a very important role the following results and notations which we can find in [11].

As usual the *Poisson bracket* of the functions $f(x, y)$ and $g(x, y)$ is defined as

$$\{f, g\} := \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}.$$

The following result is a simple consequence of the Liapunov result given in Theorem 1, page 276 of [12].

Corollary 10. *Let $U = U(x, y)$ be a homogenous polynomial of degree m . The linear partial differential equation $\{H_2, V\} = U$, has a unique homogenous polynomial solution V of degree m if m is odd; and if V is a homogenous polynomial solution when m is even then any other homogenous polynomial solution is of the form $V + c(x^2 + y^2)^{m/2}$ with $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover, for m even these solutions exist if and only if $\int_0^{2\pi} U(x, y)|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0$.*

Proposition 11 (see Proposition 6 of [10]). *The next relation holds*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \{H_2, \Psi\}|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0$$

for an arbitrary C^1 function $\Psi = \Psi(x, y)$ defined in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$.

Proposition 12 (see Proposition 24 of [10]). *Consider the polynomial differential system (1) of degree m which satisfies*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \right) |_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0.$$

Then there exist polynomials $F = F(x, y)$ and $G = G(x, y)$ of degree $m + 1$ and $m - 1$ respectively such that system (1) can be written as

$$(13) \quad \dot{x} = P = \{F, x\} + (1 + G)\{H_2, x\}, \quad \dot{y} = Q = \{F, y\} + (1 + G)\{H_2, y\},$$

with $G(0, 0) = 0$.

We need the following definitions and notions. A function $V = V(x, y)$ is an *inverse integrating factor* of system (1) in an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ if $V \in C^1(U)$, $V \neq 0$ in U and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{P}{V} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{Q}{V} \right) = 0$

Theorem 13 (Reeb 's criterion). *(see for instance [16]) The analytic differential system $\dot{x} = -y + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} X_j$, $\dot{y} = x + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} Y_j$ has a center at the origin if and only if there is a local nonzero analytic inverse integrating factor of the form $V = 1 + h.o.t.$ in a neighborhood of the origin.*

An analytic inverse integrating factor of the form $V = 1 + h.o.t.$ in a neighborhood of the origin is called a *Reeb inverse integrating factor*.

The analytic function

$$H = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} H_j(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) + \sum_{j=3}^{\infty} H_j(x, y),$$

where H_j is homogenous polynomials of degree $j > 1$, is called the *Poincaré-Liapunov local first integral* if H is constant on the solutions of (3).

Theorem 14 (see Theorem 13 and Remark 14 of [11]). *Consider the polynomial vector field $\mathcal{X} = (-y + \sum_{j=2}^m X_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (x + \sum_{j=2}^m Y_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$. Then this vector field has a Poincaré-Liapunov local first integral H if and only if it has a Reeb inverse integrating factor V . Moreover, the differential system associated to the vector field \mathcal{X} for which $H = (x^2 + y^2)/2 + h.o.t.$ is a local first integral can be written as*

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= V\{H, x\} \\ &= \{H_{m+1}, x\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_m, x\} + \dots + (1 + g_1 + \dots + g_{m-1})\{H_2, x\}, \\ \dot{y} &= V\{H, y\} \\ &= \{H_{m+1}, y\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_m, y\} + \dots + (1 + g_1 + \dots + g_{m-1})\{H_2, y\}, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and V and H are such that

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} g_j, \\ H &= \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} H_j = \tau_1 H_{m+1} + \tau_2 H_m + \dots + \tau_m H_2 \\ &= \int_{\gamma} \left(\frac{dH_{m+1}}{V} + \frac{(1 + g_1)dH_m}{V} + \dots + \frac{(1 + g_1 + \dots + g_{m-1})dH_2}{V} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

where γ is an oriented curve (see for instance [17]), $\tau_j = \tau_j(x, y)$ is a convenient analytic function in the neighborhood of the origin such that $\tau_j(0, 0) = 1$, and $g_j = g_j(x, y)$ is an arbitrary homogenous polynomial of degree j which we choose in such a way that V is the inverse Reeb integrating factor which satisfies the first

order partial differential equation

$$(16) \quad \left\{H_{m+1}, \frac{1}{V}\right\} + \left\{H_m, \frac{1+g_1}{V}\right\} + \dots + \left\{H_2, \frac{1+g_1+\dots+g_{m-1}}{V}\right\} = 0.$$

Remark 15 (see formula (44) and the proof of Theorem 13 of [10]). *From (16), and (15) the following infinite number of equations must hold*

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} \{H_{m+1}, g_1\} + \{H_m, g_2\} + \dots + \{H_3, g_{m-1}\} + \{H_2, g_m\} &= 0, \\ \{H_{m+1}, g_1^2 - g_2\} + \{H_m, g_1g_2 - g_3\} + \dots + \{H_3, g_1g_{m-1} - g_m\} + \{H_2, g_1g_m + g_{m+1}\} &= 0, \\ \vdots & \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots & \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots & \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_{m+1}, g_1\} + \{H_m, g_2\} + \dots + \{H_3, g_{m-1}\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt &= 0, \\ \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_{m+1}, g_1^2 - g_2\} + \{H_m, g_1g_2 - g_3\} + \dots + \{H_3, g_1g_{m-1} - g_m\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt &= 0, \\ \vdots & \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots & \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots & \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Conditions (17) and (18) are equivalent to the following relations .

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} \{H_{m+j+1}, g_1\} + \{H_{m+j}, g_2\} + \dots + \{H_3, g_{m+j-1}\} + \{H_2, g_{m+j}\} &= 0, \\ \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_{m+j+1}, g_1\} + \{H_{m+j}, g_2\} + \dots + \{H_3, g_{m+j-1}\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

for $j \geq 0$.

Theorem 14 can be applied to determine the Poincaré-Liapunov first integral and Reeb inverse integrating factor for the case when the polynomial differential system is given (see section 8 of [11]. Indeed, given a polynomial vector field \mathcal{X} of degree m with a linear type center at the origin of coordinates, using (14) we determine its first integral H and its Reeb inverse integrating factor. Thus, if in

$$(3) \quad X = \sum_{j=2}^m X_j \text{ and } Y = \sum_{j=2}^m Y_j \text{ with } X_j \text{ and } Y_j \text{ homogenous polynomials of degree } j, \text{ from (14) equating the terms of the same degree we get}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{H_{j+1}, x\} + g_1\{H_j, x\} + \dots + g_{j-1}\{H_2, x\} &= X_j \\ \{H_{j+1}, y\} + g_1\{H_j, y\} + \dots + g_{j-1}\{H_2, y\} &= Y_j, \end{aligned}$$

for $j = 2, \dots, m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} &= -X_2 - yg_1, \\
\frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} &= Y_2 - xg_1, \\
\frac{\partial H_4}{\partial y} &= -X_3 - g_1 \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - yg_2, \\
\frac{\partial H_4}{\partial x} &= Y_3 - g_1 \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} - xg_2, \\
\frac{\partial H_5}{\partial y} &= -X_4 - g_1 \frac{\partial H_4}{\partial y} - g_2 \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - yg_3, \\
\frac{\partial H_5}{\partial x} &= Y_4 - g_1 \frac{\partial H_4}{\partial x} - g_2 \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} - xg_3, \\
&\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\
\frac{\partial H_{m+1}}{\partial y} &= -X_m - g_1 \frac{\partial H_m}{\partial y} \dots - g_{m-2} \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - g_{m-1} \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial y}, \\
\frac{\partial H_{m+1}}{\partial x} &= -Y_m - g_1 \frac{\partial H_m}{\partial x} \dots - g_{m-2} \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} - g_{m-1} \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x} \\
\frac{\partial H_{m+k+1}}{\partial y} &= -g_1 \frac{\partial H_{m+k}}{\partial y} \dots - g_{m+k-2} \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - g_{m+k-1} \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial y}, \\
\frac{\partial H_{m+k+1}}{\partial x} &= -g_1 \frac{\partial H_{m+k}}{\partial x} \dots - g_{m+k-2} \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} - g_{m+k-1} \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x} \\
&\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots
\end{aligned}
\tag{20}$$

for $k > 0$. From the first two equations of (20) it follows that g_1 must satisfy the first order partial differential equation

$$\{H_2, g_1\} = \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_2}{\partial x},
\tag{21}$$

which in view of Corollary 10 has a unique solution. Substituting g_1 into the first two equations of (20) and using the Euler's Theorem for homogenous polynomial we obtain

$$H_3 = \frac{1}{3} (xY_2 - yX_2 - 2g_1 H_2).
\tag{22}$$

We shall determine g_2 as a solution of the first order partial differential equation

$$\{H_2, g_2\} = \frac{\partial X_3}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_3}{\partial x} - \{H_3, g_1\},
\tag{23}$$

where g_1 is a solution of (21). Then in view of Corollary 10 we get that under the condition

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\partial X_3}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_3}{\partial x} - \{H_3, g_1\} \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0,
\tag{24}$$

g_2 exists and has the form $g_2(x, y) = \tilde{g}_2(x, y) + cH_2$ where c is a constant. Hence from the third and fourth equation of (20) we get

$$(25) \quad H_4 = \frac{1}{4} (xY_3 - yX_3 - 3g_1H_3 - 2g_2H_2).$$

We shall determine g_3 as a solution of the first order partial differential equation

$$(26) \quad \{H_2, g_3\} = \frac{\partial X_4}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_4}{\partial x} - \{H_4, g_1\} - \{H_3, g_2\},$$

where g_1, g_2 and H_3, H_4 are solutions of the previous differential equations. Then in view of Corollary 10 we get that there exist an unique solution g_3 . Hence from the fifth and sixth equation of (20) we get

$$(27) \quad H_5 = \frac{1}{5} (xY_4 - yX_4 - 4g_1H_4 - 3g_2H_3 - 2g_3H_2).$$

By continuing this process we obtain that if g_{m-1} is a solution of the equation

$$(28) \quad \{H_2, g_{m-1}\} = \frac{\partial X_m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_m}{\partial x} - \{H_m, g_1\} \dots - \{H_3, g_{m-2}\},$$

which exist if and only if

$$(29) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\partial X_m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_m}{\partial x} - \{H_m, g_1\} \dots - \{H_3, g_{m-2}\} \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0,$$

where the homogenous g_{m-2}, \dots, g_1 are solutions of the previous first order differential system, then the homogenous polynomial of degree $m+1$ can be calculated as follows

$$H_{m+1} = -\frac{1}{m+1} (xY_m - yX_m - mg_1H_m - \dots - 2g_{m-1}H_2)$$

Finally under the conditions

$$(30) \quad \{H_2, g_{m+k-1}\} = -\{H_{m+k}, g_1\} - \{H_{m+k-1}, g_2\} \dots - \{H_3, g_{m+k-2}\},$$

$$0 = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(-\{H_{m+k}, g_1\} - \{H_{m+k-1}, g_2\} \dots - \{H_3, g_{m+k-2}\} \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt,$$

we get that

$$(31) \quad H_{m+k+1} = -\frac{1}{m+k+1} (-(m+k)g_1H_{m+k} - (m+k-1)g_2H_{m+k-1} - \dots - 2g_{m+k-1}H_2)$$

for $k > 0$. Thus we get the expression of H and of the integrating factor $1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} g_j$.

Below we need the following results.

Let

$$(32) \quad x = \kappa_1 X - \kappa_2 Y, \quad y = \kappa_2 X + \kappa_1 Y,$$

be a non-degenerated linear transformation, i.e. $\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 \neq 0$. Then differential system (4) becomes

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{X} &= -Y \left(1 + \tilde{\Lambda}(X, Y) \right) + X \tilde{\Omega}(X, Y), \\ \dot{Y} &= X \left(1 + \tilde{\Lambda}(X, Y) \right) + Y \tilde{\Omega}(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\Lambda}(X, Y) = \Lambda(\kappa_1 X - \kappa_2 Y, \kappa_2 X + \kappa_1 Y)$ and $\tilde{\Omega}(X, Y) = \Omega(\kappa_1 X - \kappa_2 Y, \kappa_2 X + \kappa_1 Y)$. Here we say that system (3) is *reversible with respect to a straight line l* through the origin if it is invariant with respect to reversion about l and a reversion of time t (see for instance [5]). In particular Poincaré's Theorem is applied for the case when (3) is invariant under the transformations $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (-x, y, -t)$, or $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (x, -y, -t)$.

In the proof of the results which we give later on we need the Poincaré's Theorem (see for instance [14], p.122.)

Theorem 16. *The origin of system (3) is a center if the system is reversible.*

Since a rotation with respect to the origin of coordinates is a particular transformation of type (32), when a center of system (4) is invariant with respect to a straight line it is not restrictive to assume that such straight line is the x axis. So the center of system (4) will be invariant by the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (-x, y, -t)$ or $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (x, -y, -t)$. We shall study only the first case, i.e. we shall suppose that the Λ - Ω system is invariant with respect to the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (-x, y, -t)$.

The following proposition is easy to prove (see for instance [13]).

Proposition 17. *Differential system (33) is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ if and only if it can be written as*

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{X} &= -Y(1 + \Theta_1(X^2, Y)) + X^2\Theta_2(X^2, Y), \\ \dot{Y} &= X(1 + \Theta_1(X^2, Y)) + XY\Theta_2(X^2, Y), \end{aligned}$$

Remark 18. *Using the notations of (33) and (34) after some computations we can prove that the following relations*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Lambda}(X, Y) &= \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \tilde{\Lambda}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{k+n=j} \lambda_{kn} X^k Y^n = \Theta_1(X^2, Y), \\ \tilde{\Omega}(X, Y) &= \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \tilde{\Omega}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{k+n=j} \omega_{kn} X^k Y^n = X\Theta_2(X^2, Y), \end{aligned}$$

hold if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{2l-1, j} &= 0 \quad \text{for } l = 1, 2, \dots, [m/2] \quad \text{and } j = 0, \dots, m - 2l, \\ \omega_{2l, j} &= 0 \quad \text{for } l = 0, 2, \dots, [(m-1)/2] \quad \text{and } j = 0, \dots, m - 1 - 2l, \end{aligned}$$

where $[]$ denotes the integer part function. Consequently, $[m^2/4]$ coefficients of $\tilde{\Lambda}$ must be zero, and $[(m^2 + 2m - 3)/4]$ coefficients of $\tilde{\Omega}$ must be zero.

Corollary 19. *Polynomial differential system (34) can be written as*

$$(35) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{X} &= -Y(1 + \Theta_1(X^2, Y)) + X\{H_2, \Phi\} = P(X, Y), \\ \dot{Y} &= X(1 + \Theta_1(X^2, Y)) + Y\{H_2, \Phi\} = Q(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi = \Phi(x, y)$ is a polynomial of degree at most $m - 1$ such that $\{H_2, \Phi\} = X\Theta_2(X^2, Y)$. In particular all uniform isochronous centers which after a linear

change of variables $(x, y) \longrightarrow (X, Y)$ are invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ can be written as

$$(36) \quad \dot{X} = -Y + X\{H_2, \Phi\}, \quad \dot{Y} = X + Y\{H_2, \Phi\},$$

Proof. By considering that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} X\Theta_2(X^2, Y)|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \Theta_2(1 - \sin^2 t, \sin t) \cos t dt = 0.$$

By Corollary 10 we get that there exists a polynomial Φ such that $X\Theta_2(X^2, Y) = \{H_2, \Phi\}$. Thus we have the formula (35). Since for uniform isochronous centers $\Theta_1(X^2, Y) = 0$, the corollary follows. \square

Proposition 20. *Any weak center invariant at the origin of system (35) satisfies that the integral of the divergence on the unit circle is zero.*

Proof. The weak center of of system (35) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial Y} &= 2\{H_2, \Phi\} + X \frac{\partial\{H_2, \Phi\}}{\partial X} + Y \frac{\partial\{H_2, \Phi\}}{\partial Y} + \{H_2, \Theta_1\} \\ &= \left\{ H_2, 2\Phi + X \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial X} + Y \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial Y} + \Theta_1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From Proposition 11 satisfy that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial X} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial Y} \right) \Big|_{\substack{X = \cos t \\ Y = \sin t}} dt = 0.$$

\square

4. PROOFS OF PROPOSITION 3 AND 4

Proof of Proposition 3. Sufficiency: If $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_{m-1}(\cos t, \sin t) dt = 0$ then (12) holds with

$$\begin{aligned} P &:= -y(1 + (m-2)(a_1y - a_2x)) + x(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \\ Q &:= x(1 + (m-2)(a_1y - a_2x)) + y(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \end{aligned}$$

because Ω_{m-1} is a homogenous polynomial of degree $m-1$ and from the Euler Theorem for homogenous polynomial we have

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} = (m+1)(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}).$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \right) \Big|_{\substack{x = \cos t \\ y = \sin t}} dt = 0.$$

Then in view of Proposition 12 we get that there exist polynomials F and G of degree $m+1$ and $m-1$ respectively, such that system (7) can be written as

$$(37) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= P = \{F, x\} + (1+G)\{H_2, x\}, \\ \dot{y} &= Q = \{F, y\} + (1+G)\{H_2, y\}. \end{aligned}$$

After some computations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\{F, H_2\} &= 2H_2(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}), \\ \{G, H_2\} &= -(m+1)(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\{F + \frac{2H_2}{m+1}G, H_2\} = 0$. Consequently $F = -\frac{2H_2}{m+1}G + p(H_2)$, where

$$p(H_2) = b_0 + b_1H_2 + \dots + b_{[m+1)/2]}H_2^{[(m+1)/2]}$$

is an arbitrary polynomial of degree $\leq 2[(m+1)/2]$, where $[\]$ denotes the integer part function. Inserting F into the differential system (37) and after some computations we get that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= P = -\frac{2H_2}{m+1}\{G, x\} + \left(1 + p'(H_2) + \frac{m-1}{m+1}G\right)\{H_2, x\}, \\ \dot{y} &= Q = -\frac{2H_2}{m+1}\{G, y\} + \left(1 + p'(H_2) + \frac{m-1}{m+1}G\right)\{H_2, y\},\end{aligned}$$

where $p'(H_2) = \frac{dp}{dH_2}$. In order to have that the linear terms of the previous system be $-y$ and x respectively, we need that $b_1 = 0$, because $G(0, 0) = 0$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{H}_2 &= x\dot{x} + y\dot{y} = -\frac{2H_2}{m+1}(x\{G, x\} + y\{G, y\}) = \frac{2H_2}{m+1}\{H_2, G\}, \\ \dot{G} &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}\dot{x} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}\dot{y} = \left(1 + p'(H_2) + \frac{m-1}{m+1}G\right)\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x}\{H_2, x\} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}\{H_2, y\}\right) \\ &= \{H_2, G\}\left(1 + \frac{m-1}{m+1}G + p'(H_2)\right).\end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have the following linear ordinary differential of first order

$$\frac{dG}{dH_2} - \frac{(m-1)G}{2H_2} = \frac{(m+1)(1+p'(H_2))}{2H_2}.$$

Thus after the integration we have the existence of a first integral H given by

$$\begin{aligned}(38) \quad H &= \frac{H_2}{\left(1 + \frac{m-1}{m+1}G(x, y) + (m-1)\Gamma(x, y) + [(m+1)/2]\Phi(H_2)\right)^{2/(m-1)}} \\ &= H_2(1 + O(x, y)),\end{aligned}$$

hence the origin is a weak center, where

$$\Gamma = \frac{2b_2}{m-3}H_2 + \frac{3b_3}{m-5}H_2^2 + \dots + \frac{([(m+1)/2] - 1)b_{[(m+1)/2]-1}}{[(m+1)/2] - 1 - (m+1)/2}H_2^{[(m+1)/2]-2},$$

and

$$\Phi(H_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{b_{[(m+1)/2]}}{[(m+1)/2] - (m+1)/2}H_2^{[(m+1)/2]-1} & \text{if } m \text{ is even,} \\ b_{[(m+1)/2]}H_2^{(m-1)/2} \log H_2 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

We observe that if m is odd then this first integral (38) is non analytic at the origin.

Necessity: Now we suppose that the origin of system (7) is a center and we must prove that (8) holds. Indeed, if the origin is a center then from Theorem 14 it follows that differential system (7) can be written as (see (14)), where the homogenous polynomials H_k and g_l for $k = 2, \dots, m + 1$ and $l = 1, \dots, m - 1$ satisfy

$$(39) \quad \begin{aligned} \{H_{m+1}, x\} + g_1\{H_m, x\} \dots + g_{m-1}\{H_2, x\} &:= X_m = x\Omega_{m-1}, \\ \{H_{m+1}, y\} + g_1\{H_m, y\} \dots + g_{m-1}\{H_2, y\} &= Y_m = y\Omega_{m-1}, \\ \{H_m, x\} + g_1\{H_{m-1}, x\} \dots + g_{m-2}\{H_2, x\} &= 0, \\ \{H_m, y\} + g_1\{H_{m-1}, y\} \dots + g_{m-2}\{H_2, y\} &= 0, \\ &\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad , \\ \{H_5, x\} + g_1\{H_4, x\} + g_2\{H_3, x\} + g_3\{H_2, x\} &= 0, \\ \{H_5, y\} + g_1\{H_4, y\} + g_2\{H_3, y\} + g_3\{H_2, y\} &= 0, \\ \{H_4, x\} + g_1\{H_3, x\} + g_2\{H_2, x\} &= 0, \\ \{H_4, y\} + g_1\{H_3, y\} + g_2\{H_2, y\} &= 0, \\ \{H_3, x\} + g_1\{H_2, x\} &:= X_2 \\ &= -y(m-2)(a_1y - a_2x) + x(a_1x + a_2y), \\ \{H_3, y\} + g_1\{H_2, y\} &:= Y_2 \\ &= x(m-2)(a_1y - a_2x) + y(a_1x + a_2y). \end{aligned}$$

From the last two equations we obtain (see (21) and (22))

$$g_1 = (m+1)(a_1y - a_2x), \quad H_3 = -\frac{2}{m+1}H_2g_1.$$

After from the third and fourth equations starting from the end of system (39) we have (see (23) and (25))

$$g_2 = \frac{1}{m+1}g_1^2 + cH_2, \quad H_4 = \frac{1}{m+1}g_1^2H_2 - \frac{c}{2}H_2^2.$$

Later from the fifth and sixth equations starting from the end of system (39) we get

$$g_3 = \frac{4}{3(m+1)^2}g_1^3 - \frac{2c}{m+1}g_1H_2, \quad H_5 = -\frac{3m+5}{1(m+1)^2}g_1^3H_2 + \frac{c}{10(m+1)}g_1H_2^2,$$

and so on, where c is an arbitrary constant. Inserting the previous expressions into the homogenous polynomial $\frac{\partial X_m}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_m}{\partial y}$ we get

$$\{H_m, g_1\} + \{H_{m-1}, g_2\} \dots + \{H_2, g_{m-1}\} = (m+1)\Omega_{m-1},$$

which we obtain from the compatibility conditions of the first two equations of (39). After some computations it follows that $\{H_2, \Phi\} = (m+1)\Omega_{m-1}$, for a convenient polynomial Φ of degree $m-1$. Consequently in view of Proposition 11 we get that $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_{m-1}(\cos t, \sin t) dt = 0$. In short the proposition is proved. \square

Remark 21. *Polynomial differential system (7) under the condition (8) can be written as*

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + (m-2)(a_1y - a_2x)) + x(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}) \\ &= -y(1 + (m-2)(a_1y - a_2x)) + x\{H_2, \Psi\}, \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + (m-2)a_1y - a_2x) + y(a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}) \\ &= x(1 + (m-2)(a_1y - a_2x)) + y\{H_2, \Psi\},\end{aligned}$$

where $\{H_2, \Psi\} = a_1x + a_2y + \Omega_{m-1}$.

5. PROOFS OF THEOREM 7

The proof of Theorem 7 follows from the next propositions.

Proposition 22. *A quadratic polynomial differential system*

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + n_1x + n_2y) + x(a_1x + a_2y), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + n_1x + n_2y) + y(a_1x + a_2y),\end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin if and only if

$$(41) \quad a_1n_1 + a_2n_2 = 0.$$

Moreover the quadratic differential system (40) satisfying condition (41), after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

Proof. Sufficiency: We suppose that (41) holds and we shall show that then the origin of system (40) is a center. Indeed doing the change of variables given in (32) with $\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 \neq 0$ to system (??) we obtain the differential system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{X} &= -Y \left(1 + (\kappa_1n_1 + \kappa_2n_2)X + (\kappa_1n_2 - \kappa_2n_1)Y \right) \\ &\quad + X \left((\kappa_1a_1 + \kappa_2a_2)X + (\kappa_1a_2 - \kappa_2a_1)Y \right), \\ \dot{Y} &= X \left(1 + (\kappa_1n_1 + \kappa_2n_2)X + (\kappa_1n_2 - \kappa_2n_1)Y \right) \\ &\quad + Y \left((\kappa_1a_1 + \kappa_2a_2)X + (\kappa_1a_2 - \kappa_2a_1)Y \right).\end{aligned}$$

This system can be written as (34) if and only if

$$(42) \quad \kappa_2a_1 - \kappa_1a_2 = 0, \quad \kappa_1n_1 + \kappa_2n_2 = 0.$$

Clearly system (42) has a nonzero solution κ_1 and κ_2 if and only if $a_1n_1 + a_2n_2 = 0$. Under condition (42) the quadratic system is

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{X} &= -Y \left(1 + (\kappa_1n_2 - \kappa_2n_1)Y \right) + (\kappa_1a_1 + \kappa_2a_2)X^2, \\ \dot{Y} &= X \left(1 + (\kappa_1n_2 - \kappa_2n_1)Y \right) + (\kappa_1a_1 + \kappa_2a_2)XY.\end{aligned}$$

This system is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$, so in view of Theorem 16 the origin is a center, which in view of Theorem 2 is a weak center.

Necessity: We now suppose that system (40) has a center at the origin. From Theorem 14 we get that quadratic differential system (40) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= \{H_3, x\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_2, x\} \\ &= -y(1 + n_1x + n_2y) + x(a_1x + a_2y) := -y + X_2, \\ \dot{y} &= \{H_3, y\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_2, y\} \\ &= x(1 + n_1x + n_2y) + y(a_1x + a_2y) := x + Y_2.\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\{H_3, x\} + g_1\{H_2, x\} &= -y(n_1x + n_2y) + x(a_1x + a_2y) := X_2, \\ \{H_3, y\} + g_1\{H_2, y\} &= x(n_1x + n_2y) + y(a_1x + a_2y) := Y_2.\end{aligned}$$

By determining the homogenous polynomial g_1 as the unique solution of the equation (see (21))

$$\{H_2, g_1\} = \frac{\partial X_2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_2}{\partial x} = (n_2 + 3a_1)x + (3a_2 - n_1)y,$$

we get that

$$(43) \quad g_1 = (n_1 - 3a_2)x + (n_2 + 3a_1)y.$$

In view of homogeneity of H_2 and H_3 we obtain that (see (22))

$$H_3 = \frac{1}{3}(xY_2 - yX_2 - 2g_1H_2) = 2H_2(a_2x - a_1y).$$

On the other hand from conditions (20) since $X_3 = Y_3 = 0$ we get that

$$\frac{\partial H_4}{\partial y} = -g_1 \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - yg_2, \quad \frac{\partial H_4}{\partial x} = -g_1 \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} - xg_2.$$

We shall determine g_2 as a solution of the first order partial differential equation (see (23))

$$\{H_2, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_1\} = 0,$$

where g_1 is given in (43). Then in view of Corollary 10 with $V = g_2$ and $U = -\{H_3, g_1\}$, we get that if $\int_0^{2\pi} \{H_3, g_1\}|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 4\pi(a_1n_1 + a_2n_2) = 0$, then g_2 exists and has the form $g_2(x, y) = \tilde{g}_2(x, y) + cH_2$ where c is a constant. Thus we prove the necessity of the condition (41). In short the proposition is proved. \square

Proposition 23. *A cubic polynomial differential system*

$$(44) \quad \begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_3x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + y(a_1x + a_2y + a_3x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy),\end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin if and only if

$$(45) \quad a_3 + a_4 = 0, \quad a_1a_2a_5 + (a_2^2 - a_1^2)a_4 = 0,$$

Moreover system (44) under condition (45) and $(\mu + 1)(a_1^2 + a_2^2) \neq 0$, after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

We observe that Proposition 23 when $\mu = 0$ provides Theorem 2.2 of the Collins' [4].

Proof. Sufficiency: First of all we observe that cubic differential system (44) under the change of variables (32) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
(46) \quad \dot{X} &= -Y \left(1 + \mu(\kappa_1 a_2 - \kappa_2 a_1)X - \mu(\kappa_2 a_2 + \kappa_1 a_1)Y \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{X}{(\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2)^2} \left((\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2) ((\kappa_1 a_1 + \kappa_2 a_2)X + (\kappa_1 a_2 - \kappa_2 a_1)Y) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\kappa_1^2 a_3 + \kappa_2^2 a_4 + \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5)X^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\kappa_2^2 a_3 + \kappa_1^2 a_4 - \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5)Y^2 + ((\kappa_1^2 - \kappa_2^2)a_5 + 2\kappa_1 \kappa_2 (a_4 - a_3))XY \right), \\
\dot{Y} &= X \left(1 + \mu(\kappa_1 a_1 - \kappa_2 a_2)X - \mu(\kappa_1 a_2 - \kappa_2 a_1)Y \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{Y}{(\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2)^2} \left((\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2) ((\kappa_1 a_1 + \kappa_2 a_2)X + (\kappa_1 a_2 - \kappa_2 a_1)Y) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\kappa_1^2 a_3 + \kappa_2^2 a_4 + \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5)X^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (\kappa_2^2 a_3 + \kappa_1^2 a_4 - \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5)Y^2 + ((\kappa_1^2 - \kappa_2^2)a_5 + 2\kappa_1 \kappa_2 (a_4 - a_3))XY \right),
\end{aligned}$$

is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ if and only if using Proposition 22 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(47) \quad &\kappa_2 a_1 - \kappa_1 a_2 = 0, \\
&\kappa_1^2 a_3 + \kappa_2^2 a_4 + \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5 = 0, \\
&+\kappa_2^2 a_3 + \kappa_1^2 a_4 - \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5 = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

From these conditions it follows that κ_1 and κ_2 such that $\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2 \neq 0$ if and only if

$$a_1 \kappa_2 - a_2 \kappa_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a_3 + a_4 = 0, \quad \kappa_1 \kappa_2 a_5 + (\kappa_2^2 - \kappa_1^2) a_4 = 0.$$

We suppose that (45) holds and show that then the origin of system (44) is a center. Clearly if $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$, then after the change $x = a_1 X - a_2 Y$, $y = a_2 X + a_1 Y$, we get that system (46) coincide with system (34) when $\kappa_1 = a_1$ and $\kappa_2 = a_2$, and consequently (47) becomes (45). Since system (46) is invariant under the change $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ i.e. is reversible by Poincaré Theorem its origin is a center, and by Theorem 2 it is a weak center. Thus the sufficiency of proposition is proved.

Necessity We suppose that the origin of (44) is a center. We must show that (45) holds. Indeed from Theorem 14 it follows that differential system (44) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\{H_4, x\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_3, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_2, x\} \\
&= -y(1 + \mu(a_2 x - a_1 y)) + x(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 x^2 + a_4 y^2 + a_5 xy), \\
&\{H_4, y\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_3, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_2, y\} \\
&= x(1 + \mu(a_2 x - a_1 y)) + y(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 x^2 + a_4 y^2 + a_5 xy).
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently taking the homogenous parts of these two previous equalities we obtain

(48)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{H_4, x\} + g_1\{H_3, x\} + g_2\{H_2, x\} &= -\frac{\partial H_4}{\partial y} - g_1\frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - g_2\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial y} \\
 &= x(a_3x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy) := x\Omega_2 = X_3, \\
 \{H_4, y\} + g_1\{H_3, y\} + g_2\{H_2, y\} &= \frac{\partial H_4}{\partial x} + g_1\frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} + g_2\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x} \\
 &= y(a_3x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy) := y\Omega_2 = Y_3, \\
 \{H_3, x\} + g_1\{H_2, x\} &= -\frac{\partial H_3}{\partial y} - g_1\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial y} \\
 &= -\mu y(a_2x - a_1y) + x(a_1x + a_2y), \\
 \{H_3, y\} + g_1\{H_2, y\} &= \frac{\partial H_3}{\partial x} + g_1\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x} \\
 &= \mu x(a_2x - a_1y) + y(a_1x + a_2y).
 \end{aligned}$$

From the last two equations we have that (see (21) and (22))

$$g_1 = (\mu - 3)(a_2x - a_1y), \quad \text{and} \quad H_3 = 2(a_2x - a_1y)H_2 := \Upsilon_1 H_2.$$

Inserting g_1 and H_3 into the two first equations and taking into account the Euler Theorem for homogenous polynomials we get that $\frac{\partial X_3}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_3}{\partial x} = 4\Omega_2$ consequently (see (23) and (24))

$$\{H_2, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_1\} - 4\Omega_2 = 0,$$

and this equation has solution if and only if (see Corollary 10)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_3, g_1\} - 4\Omega_2)|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = a_3 + a_4 = 0,$$

Hence the first two equations of system (48) have a solution if and only if $a_3 + a_4 = 0$. The solutions of (48) are

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_4 &= \left(9a_2^2 - 3a_2^2\mu - c\right)x^2 + (4a_1a_2\mu + 4a_4 - 12a_1a_2)yx \\
 &\quad + (6a_1^2 + (2a_1^2 + a_2^2)\mu + 3a_2^2 - 2a_2a_5 - c)y^2)H_2/2 := \Upsilon_2 H_2, \\
 g_2 &= \alpha_1 x^2 + (-6a_1a_2 + 2a_1\mu - 4a_4)yx \\
 &\quad + ((a_2^2 - a_1^2)(\mu - 3) + 2a_5 + \alpha_1)y^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where c is an arbitrary constant. By inserting $a_3 + a_4 = 0$ into (44) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{x} &= -y(1 - \mu(a_1y - a_2x)) + x(a_1x + a_2y - a_4x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy), \\
 \dot{y} &= x(1 - \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + y(a_1x + a_2y - a_4x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{49}$$

By calculating g_3 as the unique polynomial homogenous of degree four solution of the equation $\{H_4, g_1\} + \{H_3, g_2\} + \{H_2, g_3\} = 0$, (see (26)) and determining H_5 from (26) with $X_4 = Y_4 = 0$ we get $H_5 = -4g_1H_4/5 - 3g_2H_3/5 - 2g_3H_2/5$. From equation

$$\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\} + \{H_2, g_4\} = 0,$$

(see (29) with $m = 5$), and in view of Proposition 11 we get that this equation has a solution for the homogenous polynomial g_4 if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \\ &= 3\pi(\mu + 1)^2(a_4(a_2^2 - a_1^2) + a_1a_2a_5) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $a_4(a_2^2 - a_1^2) + a_1a_2a_5 = 0$. The case when $\mu + 1 = 0$ and $m = 3$ has been studied in Proposition 3.

If $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ then system (49) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y + x(-a_4x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy) := -y + x\Omega_2, \\ \dot{y} &= x + y(-a_4x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy) = x + y\Omega_2, \end{aligned}$$

which is a polynomial differential system with homogenous nonlinearities. Consequently we have that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_2|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} (-a_4x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy)|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0.$$

Hence and in view of Corollary 4 we obtain that the origin is a weak center. In short the proposition is proved. \square

Proposition 24. *A quartic polynomial differential system*

$$(50) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + y(a_1x + a_2y + a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2), \end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin under the assumption

$$(51) \quad \begin{aligned} (a) \quad &a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0 \text{ if and only if} \\ &\quad (i) \quad a_1a_2 \neq 0 \text{ and} \\ &\quad \quad a_6 + \frac{1}{2a_2^3} (a_7(a_1^3 - 3a_2^2a_1) + a_9(a_2^3 - a_1^2a_2)) = 0, \\ &\quad \quad a_8 + \frac{1}{2a_2^2a_1} (a_7(3a_1^3 - 3a_1a_2^2) + a_9(a_2^3 - 3a_1^2a_2)) = 0. \\ &\quad (ii) \quad a_7 = a_8 = 0 \text{ when } a_2 = 0 \text{ and } a_1 \neq 0, \\ &\quad (iii) \quad a_6 = a_9 = 0 \text{ when } a_1 = 0 \text{ and } a_2 \neq 0. \\ (b) \quad &\text{If } a_1 = a_2 = 0. \\ (c) \quad &\text{If } \mu + 2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover if we assume that $(\mu + 2)(a_1^2 + a_2^2) \neq 0$ then system (50) under the conditions (i), (ii) and after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$, and in the case (iii) it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$,

Proof. Sufficiency: Doing the change of variables (32) system (50) can be written as differential system (33) with $m = 4$ and

$$\Lambda := \mu(a_2x - a_1y), \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega := a_1x + a_2y + a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2,$$

which is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ if and only if

$$(52) \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{(i) } \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \neq 0 \text{ and} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \kappa_2 a_1 - \kappa_1 a_2 = 0, \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad a_6 + \frac{1}{2\kappa_2^3} (a_7(\kappa_1^3 - 3\kappa_2^2 \kappa_1) + a_9(\kappa_2^3 - \kappa_1^2 \kappa_2)) = 0, \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad a_8 + \frac{1}{2\kappa_2^2 \kappa_1} (a_7(3\kappa_1^3 - 3\kappa_1 \kappa_2^2) + a_9(\kappa_2^3 - 3\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2)) = 0- \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $\kappa_1 = 0$ $a_2 \neq 0$, and $a_1 = a_6 = a_9 = 0$.

(iii) $\kappa_2 = 0$ $a_1 \neq 0$ and $a_2 = a_7 = a_8 = 0$.

We suppose that statement (i), (ii) or (iii) hold and we will show that then the origin is a center of system (50). Indeed, if $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$, then after the change $x = a_1 X - a_2 Y$, $y = a_2 X + a_1 Y$, we get that system (50) coincide with system (34) for $m = 4$ and with $\kappa_1 = a_1$ and $\kappa_2 = a_2$ and consequently by considering that this system is invariant under the change $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ or $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$, i.e. it is reversible.

If $a_2 = a_7 = a_8 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$, then differential equations (50) become

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 - \mu a_1 y) + x^2(a_1 + a_6 x^2 + a_9 y^2), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 - \mu a_1 y) + yx(a_1 + a_6 x^2 + a_9 y^2). \end{aligned}$$

This system is invariant under the change $(x, y, t) \longrightarrow (-x, y, -t)$ i.e. it is reversible.

If $a_1 = a_6 = a_9 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$, then differential system (50) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu a_2 x) + xy(a_2 + a_7 y^2 + a_8 x^2), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu a_2 x) + y^2(a_2 + a_7 y^2 + a_8 x^2). \end{aligned}$$

this system is invariant under the change $(x, y, t) \longrightarrow (x, -y, -t)$ i.e. it is reversible.

Thus in view of the Poincaré Theorem (see Theorem 16) we get that in cases (i), (ii) and (iii) the origin is a center. Furthermore by Theorem 2 this center is a weak center.

Necessity: We prove the necessity of the statement (a). We suppose that the origin is a weak center. Indeed, from Theorem 14 it follows that differential system (50) can be written as

$$(53) \quad \begin{aligned} & \{H_5, x\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_4, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_3, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3)\{H_2, x\} \\ &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2 x - a_1 y)) + x(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_6 x^3 + a_7 y^3 + a_8 x^2 y + a_9 x y^2), \\ & \{H_5, y\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_4, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_3, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3)\{H_2, y\}, \\ &= x(1 + \mu(a_2 x - a_1 y)) + y(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_6 x^3 + a_7 y^3 + a_8 x^2 y + a_9 x y^2). \end{aligned}$$

In view of Corollary 10 and assisted by an algebraic computer we can obtain the solutions of (53), i.e. the homogenous polynomials H_5, H_3, g_1, g_3 of degree odd are unique and the homogenous polynomials H_4, g_2 of degree even are obtained modulo an arbitrary polynomial of the form $c(x^2 + y^2)^k$ where $k = 1, 2$. Indeed taking the

homogenous part of these equations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \{H_3, x\} + g_1\{H_2, x\} &= -y(\mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + x(a_1x + a_2y), \\ \{H_3, y\} + g_1\{H_2, y\} &= x(\mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + y(a_1x + a_2y). \end{aligned}$$

The solutions of these equations are

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= (\mu - 3)(a_2x - a_1y), & H_3 &= 2H_2(a_2x - a_1y). \\ (54) \quad \{H_4, x\} + g_1\{H_3, x\} + g_2\{H_2, x\} &= 0, \\ \{H_4, y\} + g_1\{H_3, y\} + g_2\{H_2, y\} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

the compatibility condition of these two last equations becomes of $\{H_3, g_1\} + \{H_2, g_2\} = 0$, and since $\{H_3, g_1\} = \{H_2, -(3 - \mu)(a_2x - a_1y)^2\}$ we get that $\{H_2, g_2 - (3 - \mu)(a_2x - a_1y)^2\} = 0$. Therefore $g_2 = (3 - \mu)(a_2x - a_1y)^2 + c_2H_2$, where c_2 is a constant. Then from system (54) we obtain the solution

$$H_4 = \frac{H_2}{2}((\mu - 3)((a_1^2 - a_2^2)(x^2 - y^2) + 4a_1a_2xy) + c_1H_2^2,$$

where c_1 is a constant. Inserting these previous solutions g_1, H_3, g_2 and H_4 into the partial differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} (55) \quad & \{H_5, x\} + g_1\{H_4, x\} + g_2\{H_3, x\} + g_3\{H_2, x\} \\ &= x(a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2) = x\Omega_3 := X_4, \\ & \{H_5, y\} + g_1\{H_4, y\} + g_2\{H_3, y\} + g_3\{H_2, y\} \\ &= y(a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2) = y\Omega_3 := Y_4 \end{aligned}$$

we get that these differential equations have a unique solution. Indeed, in this case (26) becomes

$$(56) \quad \{H_4, g_1\} + \{H_3, g_2\} + \{H_2, g_3\} = 5\Omega_3,$$

because $\frac{\partial X_4}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y_4}{\partial y} = 5\Omega_3$, here we have taking into account that Ω_3 is a homogenous polynomial of degree 3. Consequently there exist a unique solution

$$\begin{aligned} g_3 &= (a_1(a_2^2 + 2a_1^2/3)\mu^2 - a_1(10a_1^2/3 + 4a_2^2)\mu + a_1(4a_1^2 + 3a_2^2) + 5(a_9 + 2a_6)/3) y^3 \\ & \quad (-a_2(a_1^2 + 2a_2^2/3)\mu^2 + a_2(10a_2^2/3 + 4a_1^2)\mu - (3a_1^2 + 4a_2^2)a_2 - 5/3(a_8 + 2a_7)) x^3 \\ & \quad + (a_1^3\mu^2 - 2(2a_1^2 + a_2^2)a_2\mu + 3a_1(a_1^2 + 2a_2^2) + 7a_6) x^2y \\ & \quad + (-a_2^3\mu^2 + 2(2a_2^2 + a_1^2)a_2\mu - 3a_2(a_1^2 + 2a_2^2) - 5a_7) xy^2 \\ & \quad + c(1 - \mu)(a_1x + a_2y)H_2 \end{aligned}$$

of (56) and substituting g_3 into (55) we get

$$\begin{aligned} H_5 &= -2/3H_2((-a_2^3\mu^2 + a_2(2a_2^2 - 3a_1^2)\mu + 3a_2(3a_1^2 + a_2^2) - a_8 - 2a_7) x^3 \\ & \quad - (a_1^3\mu^2 + a_1(2a_1^2 - 3a_2^2)\mu + 3a_1(3a_2^2 + a_1^2) + a_9 + 2a_6) y^3 \\ & \quad + (3a_1a_2^2\mu^2 + 3a_1(a_1^2 - 4a_2^2)\mu + 9a_1(a_2^2 - a_1^2) + 3a_6) yx^2 \\ & \quad - (3a_2a_1^2\mu^2 + 3a_2(a_1^2 - 4a_2^2)\mu + 9a_2(a_2^2 - a_1^2) - 3a_7) y^2x \\ & \quad + cH_2^2(3a_1y - 2a_2x), \end{aligned}$$

where c is a constant.

On the other hand from (19) for $m = 4$ and $j = 0$ we get that

$$(57) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \\ = -\frac{3\pi(\mu-3)}{3} (a_1(3a_7 + a_8) - a_2(3a_6 + a_9)) = 0.$$

Hence we get that

(i) If $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$ then by introducing the notations

$$\lambda_2 = a_6 - \frac{1}{2a_2^3} (a_7(a_1^3 - 3a_2^2 a_1) + a_9(a_2^3 - a_1^2 a_2)), \\ \lambda_3 = a_8 - \frac{1}{2a_2^2 a_1} (a_7(3a_1^3 - 3a_1 a_2^2) + a_9(a_2^3 - 3a_1^2 a_2)),$$

we get that

$$-\frac{3\pi(\mu-3)}{3} (3a_2 \lambda_2 - a_1 \lambda_3) = 0.$$

(ii) If $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$ then $3a_7 + a_8 = 0$.

(iii) If $a_2 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$ then $3a_6 + a_9 = 0$.

Again from (28) with $m = 5$ we have the differential equation

$$\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\} + \{H_2, g_4\} = 0,$$

From this equation we get the homogenous polynomial of degree four g_4 which in view of Corollary 10 can be obtained with an arbitrary term of the form $c(x^2 + y^2)^2$, i.e. g_4 is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \left((-9a_1^4 a_2 + 11(3a_7 + a_8)a_1^2 - a_2^2(3(11a_7 + a_8) + 54(a_7 + a_8)a_2^2))x^4 + \frac{1}{18a_2} \left(\right. \right. \\ & (a^4 - a_2^4)(3a_2\mu^3 + 6a_2\mu^2) + a_2^4 - a_2 a_9 \mu - (18(3a_7 + a_8)a_1^2 - 36a_2 a_1 a_9 + a_8)a_1^2 \\ & + (3a_1^2 a_2((a_1^2 - 3a_2^2)\mu^3 + 2(a_2^2 - a_1^2)\mu^2 + a_1^2(27a_2^3 + 15a_7 + 5a_8 - 9a_1^2 a_2) \\ & - 2a_2(a_1 a_9 + 9a_2 a_7)\mu + 54a_2(a_2 a_7 - a_1 a_9) - a_2^2(3(11a_7 + a_8)))x^2 y^2 \\ & + \left(\frac{2}{3} a_2 a_1^3 (\mu - 2)\mu^2 + \left(\frac{a_1}{3} (7a_7 + 10a_8) + \frac{5}{2} a_2 a_9 - 2a_2 a_1^3 \right) \mu - 12a_1 a_7 \right) x y^3 \\ & + \left(\frac{2}{3} a_2 a_1^3 (\mu - 2)\mu^2 + \left(a_1 \left(\frac{7a_7}{3} + \frac{4a_8}{3} - 2a_2^3 \right) + \frac{a_2 a_9}{3} \right) \mu \right. \\ & \left. - 12a_1 a_7 - 4a_1 a_8 + 4a_2 a_9 \right) x^3 y + c(x^2 + y^2)^2, \end{aligned}$$

if $a_2 \neq 0$. In analogous form we can obtain the expression of g_4 when $a_1 \neq 0$. Now we determine the homogenous polynomial H_6 from (31) with $m = 4$ and $k = 1$ we obtain

$$H_6 = -\frac{5}{6} g_1 H_5 - \frac{4}{6} g_2 H_4 - \frac{3}{6} g_3 H_3 - \frac{2}{6} g_4 H_2.$$

Since the integral of the homogenous polynomial of degree 5

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_6, g_1\} + \{H_5, g_2\} + \{H_4, g_3\} + \{H_3, g_4\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \equiv 0,$$

then we obtain that there is a unique solution for the homogenous polynomial g_5 of degree 5 of the equation

$$\{H_6, g_1\} + \{H_5, g_2\} + \{H_4, g_3\} + \{H_3, g_4\} + \{H_2, g_5\} = 0.$$

see (30) with $m = 4$ and $k = 2$.

Calculating the homogenous polynomial H_7 of degree 7 from (31) with $m = 4$ and $k = 2$ we get

$$H_7 = -\frac{6}{7}g_1H_6 - \frac{5}{7}g_2H_5 - \frac{4}{7}g_3H_4 - \frac{3}{7}g_4H_3 - \frac{2}{7}g_5H_2,$$

and inserting these polynomials into the integrand of the following homogenous polynomial of degree 6 we have

$$(58) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_7, g_1\} + \{H_6, g_2\} + \{H_4, g_3\} + \{H_3, g_4\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = I(a_1, a_2, \mu),$$

where I is such that

(iii) if $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$ then

$$I(a_1, 0, \mu) = -\frac{\pi a_1^3(\mu - 3)}{63} ((231\mu^2 + 1230\mu + 1776)a_7 + 7(5\mu + 12)(\mu + 2)a_9) = 0.$$

(ii) if $a_2 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$ then

$$I(0, a_2, \mu) = \frac{5\pi a_2^3(\mu - 3)}{189} (21(5\mu + 12)(\mu + 2)a_6 + (49\mu^2 + 2\mu - 432)a_9) = 0,$$

(i) If $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$ then

$$I(a_1, a_2, \mu) = \frac{\pi(m-3)}{189} \left((21(5\mu + 12)(\mu + 2)(3a_1^2 + 5a_2^2)) \lambda_2 + a_1 \left((105a_1^2 + 427a_2^2)\mu^2 + (426a_1^2 + 2306a_2^2)\mu + 504a_1^2 + 3384a_2^2 \right) \lambda_3 \right) = 0.$$

By solving equations (57) and (58) and by considering that the three cases can be represented as a linear system $A\xi = 0$, where $\xi = (a_6, a_9)^T$ in the case (iii), $\xi = (a_7, a_8)^T$ in the case (ii) and $\xi = (\lambda_2, \lambda_3)^T$ in the case (i). By considering that the determinant of the matrix A is $|A| = (\mu - 3)(\mu + 2)(21\mu^2 + 128\mu + 212)$. Then under the condition $(\mu - 3)(\mu + 2) \neq 0$ we obtain the necessity of statement (a) of Proposition 24.

Now we study the case when $\mu = 3$. After some computations we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \\ &= -\frac{15\pi}{2} (a_1(3a_7 + a_8) - a_2(3a_6 + a_9)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

First we shall study the case when $a_1 = 0$, and $a_2 \neq 0$. From (57) we get that $3a_6 + a_9 = 0$. From (58) we obtain that the integral is identically zero because

$\mu = 3$. On the other hand from the relation

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left(\{H_9, g_1\} + \{H_8, g_2\} + \{H_7, g_3\} + \{H_6, g_4\} + \{H_5, g_5\} \right. \\ \left. + \{H_4, g_6\} + \{H_3, g_7\} + \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = I(a_1, a_2) = 0,$$

where I is a convenient function in a_1 and a_2 . If (iii) $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$ then

$$I(0, a_2) = (105a_2^3a_7 - 105a_2^3a_8 - 864a_2^2c)a_6 + (995a_2^3a_7 + 285a_2^2a_8 - 288a_2^2c)a_9 = 0.$$

By considering that $a_9 = -3a_6$ we obtain that $(3a_7 + a_8)a_6 = 0$. Thus if $3a_7 + a_8 \neq 0$ then $\mu - 3 = a_1 = a_6 = a_9 = 0$. We observe that if $a_1 = 0$ then $\lambda_2 = a_6$ and $\lambda_3 = a_9$. In analogous form we can study the case when $a_2 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$.

If $3a_7 + a_8 = 3a_6 + a_9 = 0$ then we obtain differential system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_6x(x^2 - 3y^2) + a_7y(y^2 - 3x^2)), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + y(a_1x + a_2y + a_6x(x^2 - 3y^2) + a_7y(y^2 - 3x^2)), \end{aligned}$$

From (29) we have that this system has a weak center at the origin if and only if

$$a_2(3a_1^2 - a_2^2)a_6 + a_1(a_1^2 - 3a_2^2)a_7 = 0.$$

Hence if $a_1 = 0$ then $a_6 = a_9 = 0$, and if $a_2 = 0$ then $a_7 = a_8 = 0$. In short we prove that the origin is a weak center of (50) in the case when $\mu = 3$. Thus we obtain the necessity of the condition in statement (a). The necessity and sufficiency of statement (c), i.e. when $\mu + 2 = 0$ follows from Proposition 3. Finally we study the necessity and sufficiency of statement (b). Thus when $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ we obtain that differential system (50) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y + x(a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8xy + a_9xy^2) := -y + x\Omega_3, \\ \dot{y} &= x + y(a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8xy + a_9xy^2) := x + y\Omega_3, \end{aligned}$$

which is a polynomial differential system of degree four with homogenous nonlinearities. Consequently $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_3|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0$, then in view of Proposition 4 we get that the origin is a weak center. In short the proposition is proved. \square

Proposition 25. *A polynomial differential system of degree five*

$$(59) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y + a_{12}x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + y(a_1x + a_2y + a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y + a_{12}x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4), \end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin if and only if

(a)

$$(60) \quad \begin{aligned} a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) &= 0, \\ 2a_1^3a_2^3a_{13} - (a_1^6 + 7(a_1^2a_2^4 - a_2^4a_1^2))a_{10} - (a_1^5a_2 - 4a_1^3a_2^3 + a_1a_2^5)a_{11} &= 0, \\ 2a_1^2a_2^2a_{14} - (a_1^4 - 4a_1^2a_2^2 + a_2^4)a_{10} - (a_1^3a_2 - a_1a_2^3)a_{11} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

(i) If $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$ then $a_{12} = a_{10} = a_{14} = 0$.

- (ii) If $a_2 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$ then $a_{12} = a_{10} = a_{14} = 0$.
 (iii) If $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$ then by introducing the notations

$$\lambda_1 = a_{13} - \frac{1}{2a_1^3 a_2^3} \left((a_1^6 + 7(a_1^2 a_2^4 - a_1^4 a_2^2 - a_2^6) a_{10} - (a_1^5 a_2 - 4a_1^3 a_2^3 + a_1 a_2^5) a_{11}) \right),$$

$$\lambda_2 = a_{14} - \frac{1}{2a_1^3 a_2^3} \left((a_1^4 - 4a_1^2 a_2^2 + a_2^4) a_{10} - (a_1^3 a_2 - a_1 a_2^3) a_{11} \right),$$

we get that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$.

- (b) $a_1 = a_1 = 0$, and $a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) = 0$.
 (c) $\mu + 3 = 0$.

Moreover system (59) under the conditions (60) and $(\mu+3)(a_1^2+a_2^2) \neq 0$ and after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$, or $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$.

Proof. Sufficiency: First we write system (59) after the linear change (32). Later we observe that the polynomial differential system obtained is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 a_2 - \kappa_2 a_1 &= 0, \\ 2\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^2 a_{12} + (3\kappa_1^4 - 6\kappa_2^2 \kappa_1^2 + 3\kappa_2^4) a_{10} + (3\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2 - 3\kappa_2^3 \kappa_1) a_{11} &= 0, \\ 2\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^3 a_{13} - (\kappa_1^6 - 7\kappa_1^4 \kappa_2^2 + 7\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^4 - \kappa_2^6) a_{10} - (\kappa_1^5 \kappa_2 - 4\kappa_2^3 \kappa_1^3 + \kappa_1 \kappa_2^5) a_{11} &= 0, \\ 2\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^2 a_{14} - (\kappa_1^4 - 4\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^2 + \kappa_2^4) a_{10} + (\kappa_1 \kappa_2^3 - \kappa_1^3 \kappa_2) a_{11} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

From the last three conditions it follows that $a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) = 0$.

We suppose that (60) holds and then the origin is a center of system (59), and by Theorem 2 is a weak center. We suppose that $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$. Then after the change $x = a_1 X - a_2 Y$, $y = a_2 X + a_1 Y$, we get that system (59) coincides with system (34) with $\kappa_1 = a_1$ and $\kappa_2 = a_2$, and consequently system (59) is invariant under the change $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$. Thus in view of the Poincaré Theorem we get that the origin is a center. Again by Theorem 2 this center is weak.

We observe that under the assumptions of statement (iii) differential system (59) becomes

$$\dot{x} = y(1 + \mu a_2 x) + xy(a_2 + a_{11} x^3 + a_{13} x y^2), \quad \dot{y} = x(1 + \mu a_2 x) + y^2(a_2 + a_{11} x^3 + a_{13} x y^2).$$

This system is invariant under the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (x, -y, -t)$. Under hypothesis of statement (ii) differential system (59) becomes

$$\dot{x} = -y(1 - \mu a_1 y) + x^2(a_1 + a_{11} x^2 y + a_{13} y^3), \quad \dot{y} = x(1 - \mu a_1 y) + yx(a_2 + a_{11} x^2 y + a_{13} y^3).$$

This system is invariant under the transformation $(x, y, t) \rightarrow (-x, y, -t)$. Under the assumptions of statement (i) the conditions $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ follows immediately.

Necessity Now we suppose that the origin is a center of (59) and we prove that (60) holds. Indeed, from Theorem 14 it follows that differential system (59) can be

written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{H_6, x\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_5, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_4, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3)\{H_3, x\} \\
 & + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4)\{H_2, x\} \\
 = & -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y + a_{12}x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4), \\
 & \{H_6, y\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_5, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_4, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3)\{H_3, y\} \\
 & + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4)\{H_2, y\} \\
 = & x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) + y(a_1x + a_2y + a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y + a_{12}x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{H_3, x\} + g_1\{H_2, x\} &= -y\mu(a_2x - a_1y) + x(a_1x + a_2y), \\
 \{H_3, y\} + g_1\{H_2, y\} &= -y\mu(a_2x - a_1y) + y(a_1x + a_2y).
 \end{aligned}$$

These equations have the unique solutions g_1 and H_3 . Inserting these homogenous polynomials into the equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{H_4, x\} + g_1\{H_3, x\} + g_2\{H_2, x\} &= 0, \\
 \{H_4, y\} + g_1\{H_3, y\} + g_2\{H_2, y\} &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

we get H_4 and g_2 with arbitrary terms of the form $c_k(x^2 + y^2)^k$ with c_k a constant for $k = 1, 2$. Inserting g_1, H_3, g_2 and H_4 into the equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{H_5, x\} + g_1\{H_4, x\} + g_2\{H_3, x\} + g_3\{H_2, x\} &= 0, \\
 \{H_5, y\} + g_1\{H_4, y\} + g_2\{H_3, y\} + g_3\{H_2, y\} &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

we have a unique solutions g_3 and H_5 . Inserting g_j and H_{j+2} for $j = 1, 2, 3$ into the equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{H_6, x\} + g_1\{H_5, x\} + g_2\{H_4, x\} + g_3\{H_3, x\} + g_4\{H_2, x\} \\
 = & x(a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y + a_{12}x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4) = x\Omega_4, \\
 & \{H_6, y\} + g_1\{H_5, y\} + g_2\{H_4, y\} + g_3\{H_3, y\} + g_4\{H_2, y\} \\
 = & y(a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y + a_{12}x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4) = y\Omega_4,
 \end{aligned}$$

we get that this partial differential system has solution if and only if and only if $a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) = 0$. Indeed from the computability condition

$$\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\} + \{H_2, g_4\} = 6\Omega_4,$$

we obtain that if

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_5, g_1\} + \{H_4, g_2\} + \{H_3, g_3\} - 6\Omega_4)|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \\
 & = a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then there exist solutions g_4 and H_6 which we obtain with arbitrary terms of the form $d_k(x^2 + y^2)^k$ with d_k a constant for $k = 1, 2$.

Inserting the homogenous polynomials g_j and H_{j+2} of degree j and $j+2$ respectively, for $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ into (30) for $m = 5$ and $k = 2$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_7, g_1\} + \{H_6, g_2\} + \{H_5, g_3\} + \{H_4, g_4\} + \{H_3, g_5\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \\ & = I_1(a_1, a_2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

where $I_1(a_1, a_2)$ is such that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1(a_1, 0) &= 2\pi a_1^2 (\mu + 3)(\mu + 2) (a_{10} - a_{14}) = 0, \\ I_1(0, a_2) &= 2\pi a_2^2 (\mu + 3)(\mu + 2) (a_{10} - a_{14}) = 0, \\ I_1(a_1, a_2)|_{a_1 a_2 \neq 0} &= 2\pi (\mu + 3)(\mu + 2) ((a_1^2 - a_2^2)\lambda_1 + a_1 a_2 \lambda_2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} (\{H_9, g_1\} + \{H_8, g_2\} + \{H_7, g_3\} + \{H_6, g_4\} + \{H_5, g_5\} \\ & + \{H_4, g_6\} + \{H_3, g_7\})|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = I_2(a_1, a_2) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $I_2(a_1, a_2)$ is a constant such that

$$\begin{aligned} I_2(a_1, 0)|_{a_{10}=a_{14}} &= -\frac{\pi a_1^4}{864} (2120\mu^3 + 7161\mu^2 + 5202\mu + 7857) a_{14} = 0, \\ I_2(0, a_2)|_{a_{10}=a_{14}} &= -\frac{\pi a_2^4}{864} (2120\mu^3 + 7161\mu^2 + 5202\mu + 7857) a_{14} = 0 = 0, \\ I_2(a_1, a_2)|_{a_1 a_2 \neq 0} &= \nu_1 \lambda_1 + \nu_2 \lambda_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

where ν_1 and ν_2 are convenient constants such that the system

$$2\pi (\mu + 3)(\mu + 2) ((a_1^2 - a_2^2)\lambda_1 + a_1 a_2 \lambda_2) := \sigma_1 \lambda_1 + \sigma_2 \lambda_2 = 0, \quad \nu_1 \lambda_1 + \nu_2 \lambda_2 = 0,$$

is such that $\Delta := \sigma_1 \nu_2 - \sigma_2 \nu_1 = (\mu + 3)(\mu + 2)p(\mu, a_1, a_2)$ with $p(\mu, a_1, a_2)$ a convenient polynomial of degree 3 in the variable μ and $p(0, a_1, a_2) \neq 0$.

Consequently if μ is such that $\Delta \neq 0$ we obtain that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$. The case when $(\mu + 2)p(\mu, a_1, a_2) = 0$ could be studied in a similar way to the proof of Proposition 24. The proof of statement (c), i.e. when $\mu = -3$ is studied in Proposition 3. Now we prove statement (b). Thus $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ and the differential system (59) under the condition $a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) = 0$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y + x(a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y - 3(a_{10} + a_{14})x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4), \\ \dot{y} &= x + y(a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y - 3(a_{10} + a_{14})x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get that $\Omega_4 = a_{10}x^4 + a_{11}x^3y - 3(a_{10} + a_{14})x^2y^2 + a_{13}xy^3 + a_{14}y^4$ and satisfies the condition $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_4|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0$, because $a_{12} + 3(a_{10} + a_{14}) = 0$. Then in view of Corollary 4 we get that the origin is a weak center. Thus the necessity of the statement (b) is proved, and consequently the proposition is proved. \square

Proposition 26. *The polynomial differential system of degree six*

$$(61) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + x(a_1x + a_2y + a_{15}x^5 + a_{16}y^5 + a_{17}x^4y + a_{18}x^3y^2 + a_{19}x^2y^3 + a_{20}xy^4), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu(a_2x - a_1y)) \\ &\quad + y(a_1x + a_2y + a_{15}x^5 + a_{16}y^5 + a_{17}x^4y + a_{18}x^3y^2 + a_{19}x^2y^3 + a_{20}xy^4), \end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin if and only if

(a) *the following conditions hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} &8a_1^2a_2^5a_{15} + (2a_1^5a_2^2 - 4a_1^3a_2^4 + 2a_1a_2^6)a_{19} - (3a_1^7 - 15a_1^5a_2^2 + 25a_1^3a_2^4 - 5a_1a_2^6)a_{16} \\ &+ (a_2^7 + 11a_1^4a_2^3 - 9a_1^2a_2^5 - 3a_1^6a_2)a_{20} = 0, \\ &8a_1^3a_2^4a_{17} - (15a_1^7 - 55a_1^5a_2^2 + 45a_1^3a_2^4 - 5a_1a_2^6)a_{16} - (10a_1^5a_2^2 - 12a_1^3a_2^4 + 2a_1a_2^6)a_{19} \\ &- (-15a_1^6a_2 + 35a_1^4a_2^3 - 13a_1^2a_2^5 + a_2^7)a_{20} = 0, \\ &2a_1^2a_2^3a_{18} - (5a_1^5 - 10a_1^3a_2^2 + 5a_1a_2^4)a_{16} - (4a_1^3a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2^4)a_{19} - (6a_1^2a_2^3 - 5a_1^4a_2 - a_2^5)a_{20} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

- (i) if $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$ then $a_{15} = a_{17} = 0$,
- (ii) if $a_2 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$ then $a_{16} = a_{18} = 0$,
- (iii) if $a_1a_2 \neq 0$ then

$$(62) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= a_{15} + \frac{1}{8a_1^2a_2^5} \left((2a_1^5a_2^2 - 4a_1^3a_2^4 + 2a_1a_2^6)a_{19} - (3a_1^7 - 15a_1^5a_2^2 + 25a_1^3a_2^4 - 5a_1a_2^6)a_{16} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (a_2^7 + 11a_1^4a_2^3 - 9a_1^2a_2^5 - 3a_1^6a_2)a_{20} \right) = 0, \\ \lambda_2 &= a_{17} - \frac{1}{8a_1^3a_2^4} \left((15a_1^7 - 55a_1^5a_2^2 + 45a_1^3a_2^4 - 5a_1a_2^6)a_{16} + (10a_1^5a_2^2 - 12a_1^3a_2^4 + 2a_1a_2^6)a_{19} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-15a_1^6a_2 + 35a_1^4a_2^3 - 13a_1^2a_2^5 + a_2^7)a_{20} \right) = 0, \\ \lambda_3 &= a_{18} + \frac{1}{2a_1^2a_2^3} \left(-(5a_1^5 - 10a_1^3a_2^2 + 5a_1a_2^4)a_{16} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (4a_1^3a_2^2 - 2a_1a_2^4)a_{19} - (6a_1^2a_2^3 - 5a_1^4a_2 - a_2^5)a_{20} \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b) $a_1 = a_2 = 0$.

(c) $\mu + 4 = 0$.

Moreover, assume that $(\mu + 4)(a_1^2 + a_2^2) \neq 0$ then system (61) under the conditions (i), (ii), (iii) and after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$, or $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$.

Proof. Sufficiency: First we observe that the polynomial differential system (61) under the conditions (i) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -y(1 - \mu a_2x) + xy(a_2 + a_{16}y^4 + a_{17}x^4 + a_{19}x^2y^2), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 - \mu a_2x) + y^2(a_2 + a_{16}y^4 + a_{17}x^4 + a_{19}x^2y^2), \end{aligned}$$

which is invariant under the transformation $(x, y, t) \longrightarrow (x, -y, -t)$, and the polynomial differential system (61) under the conditions (ii) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + \mu a_1 y) + x^2(a_1 x + a_{15} x^4 + a_{18} x^2 y^2 + a_{20} y^4), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + \mu a_1 y) + xy(a_1 x + a_{15} x^4 + a_{18} x^2 y^2 + a_{20} y^4),\end{aligned}$$

which is invariant under the transformation $(x, y, t) \longrightarrow (-x, y, -t)$

Under the linear change of variables (32) the differential system (61) is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}& (2\kappa_1^5 \kappa_2^2 - 4\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^4 + 2\kappa_1 \kappa_2^6) a_{19} - (3\kappa_1^7 - 15^5 \kappa_1 \kappa_2^2 + 25\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^4 - 5\kappa_1 \kappa_2^6) a_{16} \\ & + (\kappa_2^7 + 11\kappa_1^4 \kappa_2^3 - 9\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^5 - 3\kappa_1^6 \kappa_2) a_{20} + 8\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^5 a_{15} = 0, \\ & (15\kappa_1^7 - 55\kappa_1^5 \kappa_2^2 + 45\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^4 - 5\kappa_1 \kappa_2^6) a_{16} + (10\kappa_1^5 \kappa_2^2 - 12\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^4 + 2\kappa_1 \kappa_2^6) a_{19} \\ & + (-15a_1^6 a_2 + 35a_1^4 a_2^3 - 13a_1^2 a_2^5 + a_2^7) a_{20} - 8a_1^3 a_2^4 a_{17} = 0, \\ & 2\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^3 a_{18} - (5\kappa_1^5 - 10\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^2 + 5\kappa_1 \kappa_2^4) a_{16} \\ & - (4\kappa_1^3 \kappa_2^2 - 2\kappa_1 \kappa_2^4) a_{19} - (6\kappa_1^2 \kappa_2^3 - 5\kappa_1^4 \kappa_2 - \kappa_2^5) a_{20} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

We shall study only the case (iii), i.e. when $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$. We suppose that (62) holds and show that then the origin is a center of system (61). For the case when $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$, after the change $x = a_1 X - a_2 Y$, $y = a_2 X + a_1 Y$, we get that this system coincides with system (35) and with $\kappa_1 = a_1$ and $\kappa_2 = a_2$. Consequently system (35) is invariant under the change $(X, Y, t) \longrightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$. Thus in view of the Poincaré Theorem we get that the origin is a center, and by Theorem 2 this center is a weak center.

Necessity. Now we suppose that the origin is a center of (61) and we shall prove that (62) holds. Indeed, from Theorem 14 it follows that differential system (61) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}& \{H_7, x\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_6, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_5, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3)\{H_4, x\} \\ & + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4)\{H_3, x\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4 + g_5)\{H_2, x\} \\ = & -y(1 + \mu(a_2 x - a_1 y)) + x(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_{15} x^5 + a_{16} y^5 + a_{17} x^4 y + a_{18} x^3 y^2 \\ & + a_{19} x^2 y^3 + a_{20} x y^4), \\ & \{H_7, y\} + (1 + g_1)\{H_6, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2)\{H_5, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3)\{H_4, y\} \\ & + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4)\{H_3, y\} + (1 + g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + g_4 + g_5)\{H_2, y\} \\ = & x(1 + \mu(a_2 x - a_1 y)) + y(a_1 x + a_2 y + a_{15} x^5 + a_{16} y^5 + a_{17} x^4 y + a_{18} x^3 y^2 \\ & + a_{19} x^2 y^3 + a_{20} x y^4).\end{aligned}$$

This partial differential system has solution for arbitrary $a_1, a_2, a_{15}, a_{16}, a_{17}, a_{18}, a_{19}, a_{20}$. After some computations we get that

$$(63) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\{H_7, g_1\} + \{H_6, g_2\} + \{H_5, g_3\} + \{H_4, g_4\} + \{H_3, g_5\} \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt \\ = -\pi(\mu + 4) (a_1 \lambda_2(a_1, a_2) - 5a_2 \lambda_1(a_1, a_2) - a_2 \lambda_3(a_1, a_2)) \\ := \nu_{11} \lambda_1 + \nu_{12} \lambda_2 + \nu_{13} \lambda_3 = 0,$$

where $\lambda_j = \lambda_j(a_1, a_2, \mu)$ for $j = 1, 2, 3$ are constant defined in (62). By continuing the integration of (see equation (30) with $m = 6$ and $k = 3$) we get that

$$(64) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\{H_9, g_1\} + \{H_8, g_2\} + \{H_7, g_3\} + \{H_6, g_4\} + \{H_5, g_5\} + \{H_4, g_6\} \right. \\ \left. + \{H_3, g_7\} \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt := \nu_{21} \lambda_1 + \nu_{22} \lambda_2 + \nu_{23} \lambda_3 = 0,$$

where

$$\nu_{21} := \frac{25a_2\pi}{6912} \left((-1062a_1^2 - 558a_2^2)\mu^3 + (-8961a_1^2 - 7501a_2^2)\mu^2 \right. \\ \left. + 1344c - 8460a_1^2 - 8796a_2^2 \right), \\ \nu_{22} := -\frac{5a_1\pi}{2304} \left((2070a_2^2 - 354a_1^2)\mu^3 + (13897a_2^2 - 2987a_1^2)\mu^2 \right. \\ \left. + (448c - 4308a_2^2 - 2820a_1^2) + (16677a_1^2 - 83367a_2^2 - 1344c) \right), \\ \nu_{23} := \frac{5a_2}{6912} \left(4014a_1^2 - 2250a_2^2 \right) \mu^3 + (27933a_1^2 - 19799a_2^2)\mu^2 \\ + (-11556a_1^2 - 7764a_2^2 + 1344c) + 99889a_2^2 - 155763a_1^2 - 4032c,$$

where c is an arbitrary constant. Again from equation (30) with $m = 6$ and $k = 5$ we get

$$(65) \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\{H_{11}, g_1\} + \{H_{10}, g_2\} + \{H_9, g_3\} + \{H_8, g_4\} + \{H_7, g_5\} + \{H_6, g_6\} \right. \\ \left. + \{H_5, g_7\} + \{H_4, g_8\} + \{H_3, g_9\} \right) \Big|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt := \nu_{31} \lambda_1 + \nu_{32} \lambda_2 + \nu_{33} \lambda_3 = 0,$$

where ν_{3j} for $j = 1, 2, 3$, are convenient constants. From (63), (64) and (65) we obtain the linear system with respect to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 : A\lambda = 0$, where $A = A(\mu)$ is the coefficient matrix with determinant $|A|$ equal to

$$\begin{vmatrix} \nu_{11} & \nu_{12} & \nu_{13} \\ \nu_{21} & \nu_{22} & \nu_{23} \\ \nu_{31} & \nu_{32} & \nu_{33} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{\pi^3(a_2^2 a_1)^3(\mu + 4)}{456192} \left(12276\mu^5 + 145467\mu^4 + 502471\mu^3 \right. \\ \left. + 480577\mu^2 - 3775995\mu - 2701980 \right) (846\mu^3 + 6149\mu^2 - 576\mu - 34299) \neq 0.$$

Consequently if $|A| \neq 0$ then the unique solution of these linear system is the trivial solution $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$. The case when $|A| = 0$ could be studied in a similar way of Proposition 24. Thus the necessity of statement (a) is proved. To

prove statement (c), i.e. when $\mu = -4$ we apply Proposition 3. Finally we prove statement (b), i.e when $a_1 = a_2 = 0$. Under these conditions system (61) becomes (66)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y + x(a_{15}x^5 + a_{16}y^5 + a_{17}x^4y + a_{18}x^3y^2 + a_{19}x^2y^3 + a_{20}x^1y^4) := -y + x\Omega_5, \\ \dot{y} &= x + y(a_{15}x^5 + a_{16}y^5 + a_{17}x^4y + a_{18}x^3y^2 + a_{19}x^2y^3 + a_{20}x^1y^4) := x + y\Omega_5,\end{aligned}$$

which is a polynomial differential system of degree six with homogenous nonlinearities. Since $\int_0^{2\pi} \Omega_5|_{x=\cos t, y=\sin t} dt = 0$, in view of Proposition 4 we obtain that the origin is a weak center of (66). Thus the necessity of the proposition is proved and consequently the proposition is proved. \square

6. PROOF OF THEOREM 9

The proof of Theorem 9 follows from the next propositions.

Proposition 27. *A quadratic polynomial differential system*

$$(67) \quad \begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + x(a_3x + a_4y), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + y(a_3x + a_4y),\end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin if and only if

$$(68) \quad a_1a_3 + a_2a_4 = 0.$$

Moreover system (67) under condition (68) and $(a_1^2 + a_2^2) \neq 0$ and after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$ or transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$.

Proof. It is analogous to the proof of Proposition 22 with $n_1 = a_1, n_2 = a_2$ and $a_1 = a_3, a_2 = a_4$. \square

Proposition 28. *A cubic polynomial differential system*

$$(69) \quad \begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + x(a_3x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + y(a_3x^2 + a_4y^2 + a_5xy),\end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin if and only if

$$(70) \quad a_3 + a_4 = 0, \quad a_1a_2a_5 + (a_2^2 - a_1^2)a_4 = 0,$$

Moreover system (69), under condition (70) and $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$, after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformation $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$.

Proof. It is analogous to the proof of Proposition 23. \square

Proposition 29. *A polynomial differential system of degree four*

$$(71) \quad \begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= -y(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + x(a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2), \\ \dot{y} &= x(1 + a_1x + a_2y) + y(a_6x^3 + a_7y^3 + a_8x^2y + a_9xy^2),\end{aligned}$$

has a weak center at the origin under the assumption

$$(a) \quad a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0 \text{ if and only if}$$

(i) $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$ and

$$a_6 + \frac{1}{2a_2^3} (a_7(a_1^3 - 3a_2^2 a_1) + a_9(a_2^3 - a_1^2 a_2)) = 0,$$

$$a_8 + \frac{1}{2a_2^2 a_1} (a_7(3a_1^3 - 3a_1 a_2^2) + a_9(a_2^3 - 3a_1^2 a_2)) = 0.$$

(ii) $a_7 = a_8 = 0$ when $a_2 = 0$ and $a_1 \neq 0$.

(iii) $a_6 = a_9 = 0$ when $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 \neq 0$.

(b) If $a_1 = a_2 = 0$.

System (71) under the conditions (i), (ii) and after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$, and in the case (iii) it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$,

Proof. It is analogous to the proof of Proposition 24. \square

Proposition 30. A polynomial differential system of degree five

(72)

$$\dot{x} = -y(1 + a_1 x + a_2 y) + x(a_{15} x^5 + a_{16} y^5 + a_{17} x^4 y + a_{18} x^3 y^2 + a_{19} x^2 y^3 + a_{20} x y^4),$$

$$\dot{y} = x(1 + a_1 x + a_2 y) + y(a_{15} x^5 + a_{16} y^5 + a_{17} x^4 y + a_{18} x^3 y^2 + a_{19} x^2 y^3 + a_{20} x y^4),$$

has a weak center at the origin under the assumption

(a) $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$ if and only if
(i) $a_1 a_2 \neq 0$ and

(73)

$$0 = a_{15} + \frac{1}{8a_1^2 a_2^5} \left((2a_1^5 a_2^2 - 4a_1^3 a_2^4 + 2a_1 a_2^6) a_{19} - (3a_1^7 - 15a_1^5 a_2^2 + 25a_1^3 a_2^4 - 5a_1 a_2^6) a_{16} \right. \\ \left. + (a_2^7 + 11a_1^4 a_2^3 - 9a_1^2 a_2^5 - 3a_1^6 a_2) a_{20} \right),$$

$$0 = a_{17} - \frac{1}{8a_1^3 a_2^4} \left((15a_1^7 - 55a_1^5 a_2^2 + 45a_1^3 a_2^4 - 5a_1 a_2^6) a_{16} + (10a_1^5 a_2^2 - 12a_1^3 a_2^4 + 2a_1 a_2^6) a_{19} \right. \\ \left. + (-15a_1^6 a_2 + 35a_1^4 a_2^3 - 13a_1^2 a_2^5 + a_2^7) a_{20} \right),$$

$$0 = a_{18} + \frac{1}{2a_1^2 a_2^3} \left(-(5a_1^5 - 10a_1^3 a_2^2 + 5a_1 a_2^4) a_{16} \right. \\ \left. - (4a_1^3 a_2^2 - 2a_1 a_2^4) a_{19} - (6a_1^2 a_2^3 - 5a_1^4 a_2 - a_2^5) a_{20} \right).$$

(ii) $a_1 = a_{16} = a_{17} = a_{19} = 0$ when $a_2 \neq 0$.

(iii) $a_2 = a_{15} = a_{18} = a_{20} = 0$ when $a_1 \neq 0$.

(b) If $a_1 = a_2 = 0$.

Moreover, assume that $a_1^2 + a_2^2 \neq 0$ then system (72) under the conditions (i), (ii), and after a linear change of variables $(x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y)$ it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (-X, Y, -t)$. If (iii) holds then it is invariant under the transformations $(X, Y, t) \rightarrow (X, -Y, -t)$.

Proof. It is analogous to the proof of Proposition 25. \square

We observe that the main difficulty to prove these results for $m > 5$ become from the necessary huge computations.

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