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2 **Center conditions for a class of rigid quintic**
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7 **Abstract**
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The problem of determining necessary and sufficient conditions on P and Q for system $\dot{x} = -y + P(x, y)$, $\dot{y} = x + Q(x, y)$ to have a center at the origin is known as the Poincaré center-focus problem. So far, people has tried many ways to solve the problem of central focus. However, it is difficult to solve the center focus problem of higher order polynomial system. In this paper, we use the Poincaré and Alwash-Lloyd methods to study the center focus problem and derive the center conditions of the five periodic differential equation.

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12 **Introduction**

13 We use Poincaré method for studying the center focus problem of five periodic differential equation, and use the Alwash-
14 Lloyd method [1,2,3] to calculate the center conditions for this differential system. For the research question of this paper,
15 we take Abel differential equation as an example to make a brief introduction.

16 Consider the Abel differential equation [4]

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A(t)x^2 + B(t)x^3,$$

18 where, $A(t + \omega) = A(t)$ and $B(t + \omega) = B(t)$,(ω is a positive constant).The origin is a center for the two-dimensional
19 system if and only if all solutions of the Abel equation starting near the origin are periodic with period 2π .In this case, we
20 say that $x = 0$ is a center for the Abel equation .The origin is a center when the coefficients satisfy the following condition

21
$$A(t) = u'(t)A_1(u(t)),$$

22
$$B(t) = u'(t)B_1(u(t)),$$

23 where $u(t)$ is a periodic function of period 2π , A_1,B_1 are continuous functions .This condition is called the composition
24 condition [5-8].
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26 **Lemma 1.** Let $\tilde{P}(\theta) = \int P(\theta)d\theta$, $\bar{P}(\theta) = \tilde{P}(\theta) - \tilde{P}(0)$. If $\int_0^{2\pi} \bar{P}^k(\theta)g(\theta)d\theta = 0$, then

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$$\int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}^k(\theta)g(\theta)d\theta = 0, (k = 0, 1, 2 \cdots).$$

28 **Proof.** $\bar{P}(\theta) = \int_0^\theta P(\theta)d\theta = \tilde{P}(\theta) - \tilde{P}(0)$, then $\tilde{P}(\theta) = \bar{P}(\theta) + \tilde{P}(0)$, thus

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}^k(\theta)g(\theta)d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} (\bar{P}(\theta) + \tilde{P}(0))^k g(\theta)d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \sum_{i=0}^k C_k^i \bar{P}^i(\theta)(-\tilde{P}(0))^{k-i} g(\theta)d\theta \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k (-\tilde{P}(0))^{k-i} \int_0^{2\pi} \bar{P}^i(\theta)g(\theta)d\theta = 0. \end{aligned}$$

30 **Lemma 2.** Let $P_k = \sum_{i+j=k} P_{ij} \cos^i \theta \sin^j \theta (k = 1, 2, 4)$, and $P_{10}^2 + P_{01}^2 \neq 0$. If

31 $\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^{2i} P_2 d\theta = 0 (i = 0,1)$, $\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^{2j} P_4 d\theta = 0 (j = 0,1,2)$, then $P_2 = P_1(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 \overline{P})$,

32 $P_4 = P_1(\mu_0 + \mu_1 \overline{P_1} + \mu_2 \overline{P_1}^2 + \mu_3 \overline{P_1}^3)$, where $\lambda_i (i = 0,1)$, $\mu_i (i = 0,1,2,3)$ are constants.

33 Proof. Set $P_1 = A_1 \cos \theta + B_1 \sin \theta$, and $A_1 = P_{10}, B_1 = P_{01}$, $A_1^2 + B_1^2 \neq 0$,

34 $\overline{P_1} = \tilde{P}_1 + B_1$, (1)

35 $\tilde{P}_1 = A_1 \sin \theta - B_1 \cos \theta$,

36 we know from the lemma1

37 $\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^{2i} P_2 d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}_1^{2i} P_2 d\theta = 0 (i = 0,1)$, $\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^{2j} P_4 d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}_1^{2j} P_4 d\theta = 0 (j = 0,1,2)$,

38 because P_2 and P_4 are quadratic and quartic homogeneous polynomial, then

39 $P_2 = a_2 \cos 2\theta + b_2 \sin 2\theta$, $a_2 = \frac{P_{20} - P_{02}}{2}$, $b_2 = \frac{P_{11}}{4}$,

40 $P_4 = d_0 + d_2 \cos 2\theta + e_2 \sin 2\theta + d_4 \cos 4\theta + e_4 \sin 4\theta$,

41 where

42 $d_2 = \frac{P_{40} - P_{04}}{2}$, $e_2 = \frac{P_{31} + P_{13}}{4}$, $d_4 = \frac{P_{40} - P_{22} + P_{04}}{8}$, $e_4 = \frac{P_{31} - P_{13}}{8}$.

43 From the condition $\int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}_1^2 P_2 d\theta = 0$, we know $A_2 b_2 - B_2 a_2 = 0$, $A_2 = -A_1 B_1$,

44 where $B_2 = \frac{1}{2}(A_1^2 - B_1^2)$.

45 Then

46 $P_2 = \frac{a_2}{A_2} (A_2 \cos 2\theta + B_2 \sin 2\theta) = \frac{b_2}{B_2} (A_2 \cos 2\theta + B_2 \sin 2\theta) = \lambda_1 P_1 \tilde{P}_1$, $A_2^2 + B_2^2 \neq 0$. (2)

47 Substituting (1) into (2), we have

$$P_2 = P_1(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 \overline{P}), \quad \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 B_1, \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{a_2}{A_2} \text{ or } \frac{b_2}{B_2}.$$

48 From the condition $\int_0^{2\pi} P_4 d\theta = 0$, we know $d_0 = 0$.

49 From the condition $\int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}_1^2 P_4 d\theta = 0$, we know $A_2 e_2 - B_2 d_2 = 0$.

50 From the condition $\int_0^{2\pi} \tilde{P}_1^4 P_4 d\theta = 0$, and at the same time we can calculate

51 $P_1 \tilde{P}_1^3 = A_{31} (A_2 \cos 2\theta + B_2 \sin 2\theta) + A_4 \cos 4\theta + B_4 \sin 4\theta$, $A_{31} = \frac{1}{2}(A_1^2 + B_1^2)$,

52 Then we know

53 $A_4 e_4 - B_4 d_4 = 0$, $A_4 = -\frac{1}{2}(B_1^2 - A_1^2) A_1 B_1$, $B_4 = -\frac{1}{8}(A_1^2 + B_1^2)^2$.

54 Therefore

55 $d_2 \cos 2\theta + e_2 \sin 2\theta = \frac{e_2}{B_2} (A_2 \cos 2\theta + B_2 \sin 2\theta) = \frac{d_2}{A_2} (A_2 \cos 2\theta + B_2 \sin 2\theta)$, $A_2^2 + B_2^2 \neq 0$,

56 $d_4 \cos 4\theta + e_4 \sin 4\theta = \frac{e_4}{B_4} (A_4 \cos 4\theta + B_4 \sin 4\theta) = \frac{d_4}{A_4} (A_4 \cos 4\theta + B_4 \sin 4\theta)$, $A_4^2 + B_4^2 \neq 0$,

$$P_4 = d_0 + d_2 \cos 2\theta + e_2 \sin 2\theta + d_4 \cos 4\theta + e_4 \sin 4\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} 58 \quad &= \frac{d_2}{A_2} (A_2 \cos 2\theta + B_2 \sin 2\theta) + \frac{d_4}{A_4} (A_4 \cos 4\theta + B_4 \sin 4\theta) \\ &= \frac{d_2}{A_2} P_1 \tilde{P}_1 + \frac{d_4}{A_4} (P_1 \tilde{P}_1^3 - A_{31} P_1 \tilde{P}_1). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

59 Substituting (1) into (3), we have $P_4 = P_1 (\mu_0 + \mu_1 \overline{P}_1 + \mu_2 \overline{P}_1^2 + \mu_3 \overline{P}_1^3)$, where

$$60 \quad \mu_0 = \frac{d_4}{A_4} B_1^3 - \frac{d_2}{A_2} B_1 + \frac{d_4}{A_4} A_{31} B_1, \mu_1 = \frac{d_2}{A_2} - \frac{d_4}{A_4} A_{31} + 3 \frac{d_4}{A_4} B_1^2, \mu_2 = -3 \frac{d_4}{A_4} B_1, \mu_3 = \frac{d_4}{A_4}.$$

61 Main results

62 Consider the fifth polynomial

$$63 \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = -y + x(P_1(x, y) + P_3(x, y) + P_4(x, y)), \\ \dot{y} = x + y(P_1(x, y) + P_3(x, y) + P_4(x, y)), \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

64 with $P_n(x, y) = \sum_{i+j=n} P_{ij} x^i y^j$, P_{ij} are real constants. In this paper, we give a short proof to the following theorem [9].

65 **Theorem.** Let $\int_0^{2\pi} P_4 d\theta = 0$, then the origin is a center for (5) if and only if

$$66 \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P}_1^{2i} P_2 d\theta = 0 (i = 0, 1), \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P}_1^{2j} P_4 d\theta = 0 (j = 1, 2),$$

67 and the condition is composition condition.

68 Proof. The system (4) in polar coordinates r and θ becomes

$$72 \quad \begin{cases} \dot{r} = r^2 P_1(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) + r^3 P_2(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) + r^5 P_4(\cos \theta, \sin \theta), \\ \dot{\theta} = 1, \end{cases}$$

73 with,

$$74 \quad P_1 = A_1 \cos \theta + B_1 \sin \theta,$$

$$75 \quad P_2 = a_2 \cos 2\theta + b_2 \sin 2\theta,$$

$$76 \quad P_4 = d_0 + d_2 \cos 2\theta + e_2 \sin 2\theta + d_4 \cos 4\theta + e_4 \sin 4\theta.$$

77 The origin is a center for (4) if and only if the polynomial differential equation

$$78 \quad \frac{dr}{d\theta} = r^2 P_1(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) + r^3 P_2(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) + r^5 P_4(\cos \theta, \sin \theta), \quad (5)$$

79 have 2π -periodic solution in a neighborhood of $r = 0$.

80 Let $r(\theta, c)$ be solution of (5) with $r(0, c) = c, 0 < |c| << 1$. We write

$$81 \quad r(\theta, c) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(\theta) c^n, \quad (6)$$

82 where $a_1(0) = 1$ and $a_n(0) = 0$ for $n \geq 1$.

83 The origin is a center if and only if $a_1(2\pi) = 1$ and $a_n(2\pi) = 0$ for all $n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

84 Substituting (6) into (5), we have

$$85 \quad \begin{aligned} a'_0 + a'_1 c + \cdots + a'_n c^n + \cdots &= P_1 c (a_0 + a_1 c + \cdots + a_n c^n + \cdots)^2 + P_2 c^2 (a_0 + a_1 c + \cdots + a_n c^n + \cdots)^3 \\ &+ P_4 c^4 (a_0 + a_1 c + \cdots + a_n c^n + \cdots)^5. \end{aligned}$$

86 Equating the coefficients of c yield

$$87 \quad \dot{a}_n = P_1 \sum_{i+j=n-1} a_i a_j + P_2 \sum_{i+j+k=n-2} a_i a_j a_l + P_4 \sum_{i+j+k+l+m=n-4} a_i a_j a_k a_l a_m, \quad a_n(0) = 0. \quad (7)$$

88 Solving (7) gives

$$a_0 = 1,$$

$$a_1 = \overline{P_1},$$

$$a_2 = \overline{P_1^2} + \overline{P_2},$$

$$a_3 = \overline{P_1^3} + 2\overline{P_1 P_2} + \overline{P_1 P_2},$$

$$a_4 = \overline{P_4^4} + 3\overline{P_1^2 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2} + \overline{P_1^2 P_2} + \frac{3}{2}\overline{P_2^2} + \overline{P_4},$$

$$a_5 = \overline{P_1^5} + 4\overline{P_1^3 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1 P_2^2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1^2 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_4} + 3\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + \overline{P_1^3 P_2} + \overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_4},$$

$$a_6 = \overline{P_1^6} + 5\overline{P_1^4 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1^3 P_1 P_2} + \frac{15}{2}\overline{P_1^2 P_2^2} + 8\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_1^2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_4^2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2}$$

$$+ 6\overline{P_1 P_1 P_4} + \frac{5}{2}\overline{P_2^3} + 3\overline{P_1^2 P_2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_2 P_4} + \overline{P_1^4 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1^2 P_2 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_2^2} + 6\overline{P_1 P_4} + 2\overline{P_2 P_4},$$

$$a_7 = \overline{P_1^7} + 6\overline{P_1^5 P_2} + 5\overline{P_1^4 P_1 P_2} + 12\overline{P_1^3 P_2^2} + 15\overline{P_1^2 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 5\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2^2} + 4\overline{P_1^3 P_1 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1^3 P_4}$$

$$+ 8\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 8\overline{P_1 P_2} + 7\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + 3\overline{P_1 P_1^2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 9\overline{P_1^2 P_1 P_4} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1^2 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1 P_1^2 P_2 P_2}$$

$$+ 12\overline{P_1 P_1 P_4} + 4\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + \frac{15}{2}\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1^3 P_2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2 P_2} + 9\overline{P_1 P_4 P_2} + 5\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + \overline{P_1 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2}$$

$$+ \frac{3}{2}\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1 P_2 P_1 P_2} + \overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 10\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + 10\overline{P_1 P_4} + \overline{P_1 P_2 P_4},$$

$$a_8 = \overline{P_1^8} + 7\overline{P_1^6 P_2} + 6\overline{P_1^5 P_1 P_2} + 5\overline{P_1^4 P_1^2 P_2} + \frac{35}{2}\overline{P_1^4 P_2^2} + 5\overline{P_1^4 P_4} + 24\overline{P_1^3 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 15\overline{P_1^3 P_1 P_2 P_2}$$

$$+ \frac{35}{2}\overline{P_1^2 P_2^3} + 9\overline{P_1^2 P_1 P_2^2} + 10\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_1 P_2} + 24\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 13\overline{P_1^2 P_2 P_4} + 12\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_4} + 4\overline{P_1^3 P_1 P_2}$$

$$+ 4\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 12\overline{P_1 P_1 P_4} + 8\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 8\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 24\overline{P_1 P_1 P_4 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_1^2 P_2} + 6\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2}$$

$$+ 18\overline{P_1 P_1 P_4} + 6\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2} + 6\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 3\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 20\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_4}$$

$$+ 20\overline{P_1 P_1 P_4} + \frac{35}{8}\overline{P_2^4} + 9\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + \frac{15}{2}\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + \frac{15}{2}\overline{P_2^2 P_4} + 3\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + 6\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + 18\overline{P_1 P_4 P_2}$$

$$+ 6\overline{P_2 P_2 P_4} + 5\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + 5\overline{P_4} + \overline{P_1 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1 P_2 P_1 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_2 P_2},$$

$$+ 4\overline{P_1 P_2 P_1 P_2 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_2 P_1 P_2 P_2} + \frac{5}{2}\overline{P_1 P_2} + 12\overline{P_1 P_2 P_1 P_4} + 6\overline{P_1 P_1 P_2 P_4} + 15\overline{P_1 P_4}$$

$$+ 24\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4} + 4\overline{P_2 P_4} + 2\overline{P_1 P_2 P_4}.$$

98 We know $a_1(2\pi) = a_3(2\pi) = a_5(2\pi) = a_7(2\pi) = 0$.

99 A bar over a function denotes its indefinite integral.

100 The three necessary conditions for a center are $a_4(2\pi) = 0, a_6(2\pi) = 0, a_8(2\pi) = 0$.

101 Be equivalent to

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\overline{P_1^2 P_2} + \overline{P_4} d\theta) = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\overline{P_1^4 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1^2 P_2 P_2} + 6\overline{P_1^2 P_4} + 2\overline{P_2 P_4} d\theta) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} (\overline{P_1^6 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1^4 P_2 P_2} + 4\overline{P_1^2 P_2^2 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1^2 P_2 P_1 P_2} + 2\overline{P_1 P_2 P_1 P_2 P_2} \\ + 6\overline{P_1 P_4 P_1 P_2} + 15\overline{P_1^4 P_4} + 24\overline{P_1^2 P_2 P_4} + 4\overline{P_2^2 P_4} d\theta) = 0. \quad (10)$$

105 From the formula (8), We have condition (I): $A_2 b_2 - B_2 a_2 = 0$, and from the lemma 2,

$$P_2 = P_1(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 \bar{P}), \lambda_0 = \lambda_1 B_1, \lambda_1 = \frac{a_2}{A_2} \text{ or } \frac{b_2}{B_2}.$$

107 From the formulas (9),(10), we have condition (II): $(6 + \lambda_1)(A_2 e_2 - B_2 d_2) = 0$.

108 Condition (III): $(\lambda_1^2 + 14\lambda_1 + 15)(A_4 e_4 - B_4 d_4) + 4\lambda_0^2(A_2 e_2 - B_2 d_2) = 0$.

110 Now, we prove that these conditions are also sufficient.

111 If $(6 + \lambda_1)(\lambda_1^2 + 14\lambda_1 + 15) \neq 0$, from the lemma 2 we know

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^2 P_2 = 0, \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^2 P_4 = 0, \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^4 P_4 = 0,$$

112 then

$$P_2 = P_1(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 \bar{P}), P_4 = P_1(\mu_0 + \mu_1 \bar{P}_1 + \mu_2 \bar{P}_1^2 + \mu_3 \bar{P}_1^3),$$

113 where $\lambda_i (i = 0, 1)$, $\mu_i (i = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ are constants.

114 If $(6 + \lambda_1)(\lambda_1^2 + 14\lambda_1 + 15) = 0$, we calculate the fourth necessary condition $a_{10}(2\pi) = 0$,

115 be equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} (\overline{P_1}^8 P_2 + \overline{P_1}^6 P_2 \overline{P_2} + 4\overline{P_1}^5 \overline{P_1} P_2 P_2 + 12\overline{P_1}^4 P_2 \overline{P_2}^2 + 12\overline{P_1}^3 \overline{P_1} P_2 P_2 \overline{P_2} + 2\overline{P_1}^2 \overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_2}^2 P_2 + 8\overline{P_1}^2 P_2 \overline{P_2}^3 + 6\overline{P_1} \overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_2} \overline{P_2} \\ & + 2\overline{P_1}^4 \overline{P_2}^2 P_2 P_2 + 2\overline{P_1}^4 P_2 \overline{P_4} + 4\overline{P_1}^2 \overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_2}^2 + 4\overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_1} \overline{P_2} P_4 + 20\overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_2} \overline{P_1} P_4 + 12\overline{P_1}^2 \overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_4} + 32\overline{P_1} \overline{P_1} P_2 \overline{P_2} P_4 \\ & + 12\overline{P_1}^2 P_4 \overline{P_4} + 4\overline{P_2} P_4 \overline{P_4} + 28\overline{P_1}^6 P_4 + 88\overline{P_1}^4 P_2 P_4 + 85\overline{P_1}^2 P_2^2 P_4 + 40\overline{P_1}^3 \overline{P_1} P_2 P_4 + 8\overline{P_2}^3 P_4 + 4\overline{P_1} P_1 P_2 P_4 \\ & + 31\overline{P_1}^2 P_2 P_2 \overline{P_4} + 26\overline{P_1} P_1 P_2 \overline{P_2} \overline{P_4}) d\theta = 0, \end{aligned}$$

116 then we have condition (IV):

$$(\lambda_1^3 + \frac{1669}{72}\lambda_1^2 + 60\lambda_1 + 28)\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^6 P_4 d\theta + (\frac{367}{4}\lambda_0^2 + 12\lambda_0^2 \lambda_1)\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^4 P_4 d\theta + (12 + 2\lambda_1)\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^2 P_4 \overline{P_4} d\theta = 0,$$

117 when

$$(6 + \lambda_1)(\lambda_1^2 + 14\lambda_1 + 15) = 0, \text{ we can obtain } \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^6 P_4 = 0, \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^4 P_4 = 0.$$

118 Then from the lemma 2 sufficiency has been demonstrated.

120 Conclusion

121 Therefore, for this class of quintic differential system, we have proved that the necessary and sufficient conditions for the

122 origin to be centered are $\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^{2i} P_2 d\theta = 0 (i = 0, 1)$, $\int_0^{2\pi} \overline{P_1}^{2j} P_4 d\theta = 0, (j = 1, 2)$. This allows us to use the method of

123 research for the study of higher order differential system.

124 Competing Interests

125 Author has declared that no competing interests exist.

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