

# Book of Exercises



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**MINI-COURSE: Integral Characterization of Poincaré  
Half-Maps and its Applications to Limit Cycles of  
Planar Piecewise Linear Systems.**

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## What is an inverse integrating factor?

Let us consider the SDE

$$(S) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, y), \\ \dot{y} = g(x, y). \end{cases} \quad \left( \cdot = \frac{d}{dt} \right)$$

The ODE can also be written as

$$(O) \quad g(x, y)dx - f(x, y)dy = 0.$$

An inverse integrating factor (IIF) of system (S) in a region  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a function  $V: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

- $V \in C^1(\mathcal{U})$ ,
- $V$  is not locally null,
- $V$  satisfies the PDE

$$\nabla V(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = V(x, y) \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Why the name IIF?

### Exercise

- If  $V$  satisfies  $\nabla V(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = V(x, y) \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $1/V$  is an integrating factor for equation (O) on  $\mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ , that is, the equation  $\frac{g(x, y)}{V(x, y)}dx - \frac{f(x, y)}{V(x, y)}dy = 0$  is exact on  $\mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ .

- Moreover, after the change of time  $ds = V(x, y)dt$ , the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x, y), \\ \dot{y} = g(x, y), \end{cases} \quad \text{can be written on } \mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\}) \text{ as the}$$

$$\text{hamiltonian system } \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{f(x, y)}{V(x, y)}, \\ \frac{dy}{ds} = \frac{g(x, y)}{V(x, y)}. \end{cases}$$

## Linear systems: Generalized Liénard canonical form

### Exercise

Consider  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = m_{11}x_1 + m_{12}x_2 + b_1, \\ \dot{x}_2 = m_{21}x_1 + m_{22}x_2 + b_2, \end{cases}$  with Poincaré section  $x_1 = 0$

- Prove that for  $m_{12} = 0$ , a Poincaré map cannot be defined.
- Try a linear change of variables  $\begin{cases} x = \alpha_1x_1 + \alpha_2x_2 + \alpha_3, \\ y = \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \beta_3, \end{cases}$  to transform the system into (LCF)  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Tx - y, \\ \dot{y} = Dx - a, \end{cases}$  and to keep the section fixed as  $x = 0$ .  
(Soln.:  $x = x_1$ ,  $y = m_{22}x_1 - m_{12}x_2 - b_1$ ).
- Check that for  $D \neq 0$  there is one equilibrium at  $(a/D, aT/D)$ .
- Prove that the system is invariant to  $(x, y, a) \leftrightarrow (-x, -y, -a)$ .
- Study the flow on  $x = 0$ .

## Inverse integrating factors: Linear systems in Liénard form

$$\text{(LCF)} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Tx - y, \\ \dot{y} = Dx - a. \end{cases}$$

**Proposition:** The set  $\mathcal{V}$  of polynomial inverse integrating factors  $V(x, y)$  of degree less or equal than two for system (LCF) is a finite dimensional vector space whose dimension depends on the parameters  $a$ ,  $T$  and  $D$ .

Concretely, the following bases  $\mathcal{B}_i$  may be chosen:

- If  $a^2 + D^2 \neq 0$  and
  - $T \neq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{D^2x^2 - DTxy + Dy^2 + a(T^2 - 2D)x - aTy + a^2\}$ .
  - $T = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{1, Dx^2 + y^2 - 2ax\}$ .
- If  $a^2 + D^2 = 0$  and
  - $T \neq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_3 = \{y^2 - Txy, y - Tx\}$ .
  - $T = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_4 = \{1, y, y^2\}$ .

## Inverse integrating factors: Linear systems in Liénard form

### Exercise

Prove the Proposition.

Soln.: To do this, substitute the polynomial

$$V(x, y) = \sum_{0 \leq i+j \leq 2} \alpha_{ij} x^i y^j$$

into the equation

$$\nabla V(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} Tx - y \\ Dx - a \end{pmatrix} = V(x, y) \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} Tx - y \\ Dx - a \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, solve the linear system of equations obtained from the equality of the coefficients of the corresponding terms and group the solutions in terms of  $a^2 + D^2$  and  $T$ .

## Inverse integrating factors: Zero set

$$V(x, y) = D^2 x^2 - DTxy + Dy^2 + a(T^2 - 2D)x - aTy + a^2$$

**Proposition:** The zero set  $V^{-1}(\{0\})$  of function  $V$  is given by:

- For  $D = 0$  (no equilibrium case) and
  - $T = 0$ , then  $V^{-1}(\{0\}) = \emptyset$ .
  - $T \neq 0$ , then  $V^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : T^2 x - Ty + a = 0\}$ .
- For  $D \neq 0$  (equilibrium at  $(x, y) = (a/D, aT/D)$ ) and
  - $T^2 - 4D > 0$ , then
$$V^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2D \left(x - \frac{a}{D}\right) = (T \pm \sqrt{T^2 - 4D}) \left(y - \frac{aT}{D}\right)\}.$$
  - $T^2 - 4D = 0$ , then
$$V^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2D \left(x - \frac{a}{D}\right) = T \left(y - \frac{aT}{D}\right)\}.$$
  - $T^2 - 4D < 0$ , then  $V^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{(a/D, aT/D)\}$ .

**A brief Comment.** For  $D \neq 0$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} T & -1 \\ D & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

$$V(x, y) = -D \det \left( A \begin{pmatrix} x - \frac{a}{D} \\ y - \frac{aT}{D} \end{pmatrix} \middle| \begin{pmatrix} x - \frac{a}{D} \\ y - \frac{aT}{D} \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Exercise



## Inverse integrating factors: Some comments

$$V(x, y) = D^2x^2 - DTxy + Dy^2 + a(T^2 - 2D)x - aTy + a^2$$

- The level curves of the inverse integrating factor  $V$  are conic sections.
- In particular, let us assume that  $4D - T^2 > 0$ .
  - The level curves of  $V$  are ellipses whose center is the equilibrium.

- The change 
$$\begin{cases} x = X + \frac{a}{D}, \\ y = \alpha X + \beta Y + \frac{aT}{D}, \end{cases} \text{ for } \alpha = \frac{T}{2}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4D - T^2}}{2}.$$

transforms  $V(x, y)$  into  $\tilde{V}(X, Y) = \beta^2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)(X^2 + Y^2)$ .

- $V(x, y)$  is a Lyapunov function:

$$\nabla V(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = V(x, y) \operatorname{div} \begin{pmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = TV(x, y).$$

Exercise



## Inverse integrating factors: Characteristic Polynomial

### Exercise

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} T & -1 \\ D & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $p_A$  its characteristic polynomial.

- For  $D(Dx - a) \neq 0$ , it is  $V(x, y) = \frac{(Dx - a)^2}{D} p_A \left( D \frac{Tx - y}{Dx - a} \right)$ .
- Specifically,  $V(0, y) = \frac{a^2}{D} p_A \left( D \frac{y}{a} \right)$ .
- On the other hand, for  $D = 0$ , it is  $V(0, y) = y^2 p_A \left( D \frac{a}{y} \right)$ .

# Construction of a suitable conservative vector field

For  $V(x, y) = D^2x^2 - DTxy + Dy^2 + a(T^2 - 2D)x - aTy + a^2$ , system (LCF) can be written as the hamiltonian system

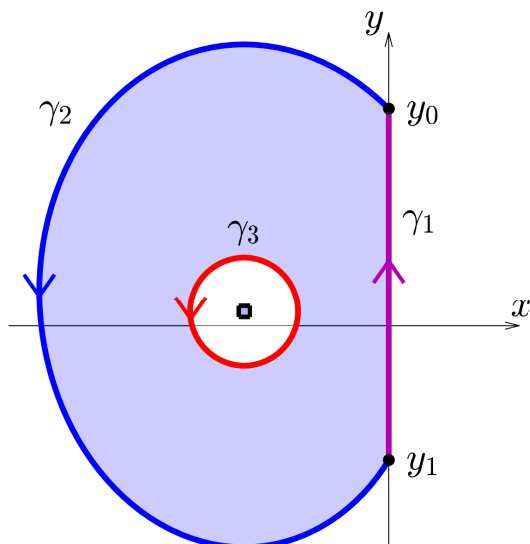
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{Tx - y}{V(x, y)}, \\ \frac{dy}{ds} = \frac{Dx - a}{V(x, y)}, \end{cases}$$

on  $\mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ , where  $ds = V(x, y)dt$ .

Moreover, the vector field  $G(x, y) = \left( -\frac{Dx - a}{V(x, y)}, \frac{Tx - y}{V(x, y)} \right)$  is

- conservative on any connected component of  $\mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ ,
- orthogonal to the flow on  $\mathcal{U} \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ .

## The integral (Equilibrium in the interior of the curve)



Remind that  $\vec{\gamma}_2$  is an orbit.

Let  $\vec{\gamma} = \vec{\gamma}_1 \cup \vec{\gamma}_2$ .

Let  $\vec{\gamma}_3$  be a "small" curve around Eq.

- $\oint_{\vec{\gamma}} G \cdot dr = \oint_{\vec{\gamma}_3} G \cdot dr$ . (Cons.)

- $\int_{\vec{\gamma}_2} G \cdot dr = 0$ . (Orth.)

- $\oint_{\vec{\gamma}_3} G \cdot dr = \frac{2\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D-T^2}}$ .

Exercise

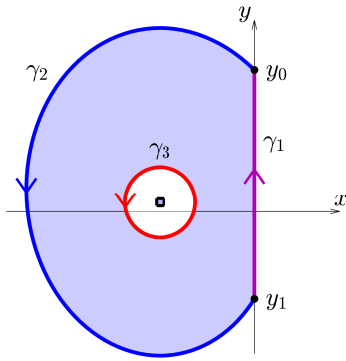
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Therefore

$$\int_{\vec{\gamma}_1} G \cdot dr = \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-y}{V(0,y)} dy = \frac{2\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D-T^2}}.$$

Finally 
$$\int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-y}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy = \frac{2\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D-T^2}}.$$

## Remark: The integral on $\vec{\gamma}_3$



A good choice for  $\vec{\gamma}_3$  is

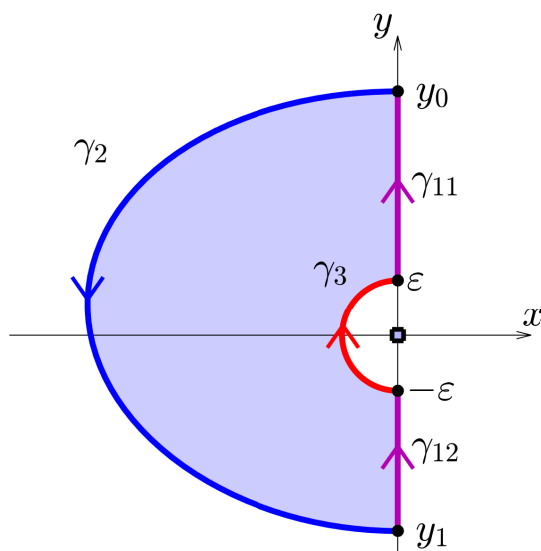
$$\vec{\gamma}_3 \equiv \begin{cases} x = 2 \cos \theta + \frac{a}{D}, \\ y = T \cos \theta + \sqrt{4D - T^2} \sin \theta + \frac{aT}{D}. \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

This is a positively oriented parameterization of the ellipse given by  $V(x, y) = D(4D - T^2)$ .

Therefore 
$$\oint_{\vec{\gamma}_3} G \cdot dr = \frac{2\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}}.$$

## The integral (Equilibrium on the Poincaré section)



Remind that  $\vec{\gamma}_2$  is an orbit.

Let  $\vec{\gamma} = \vec{\gamma}_{11} \cup \vec{\gamma}_3 \cup \vec{\gamma}_{12} \cup \vec{\gamma}_2$ .

Let  $\vec{\gamma}_3$  be a half-circle ( $r: \epsilon, c: 0$ ).

- $\oint_{\vec{\gamma}} G \cdot dr = 0$ . (Cons.)
- $\int_{\vec{\gamma}_2} G \cdot dr = 0$ . (Orth.)
- $\int_{\vec{\gamma}_3} G \cdot dr = \frac{-\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}}$ .

Exercise



Therefore

$$\lim_{\epsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\vec{\gamma}_{11} \cup \vec{\gamma}_{12}} G \cdot dr \stackrel{(*)}{=} \text{PV} \left\{ \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-y}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}}.$$

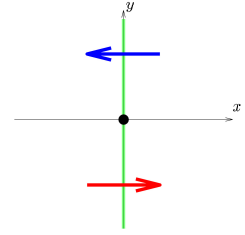
(\*) Cauchy Principal Value

Finally 
$$\boxed{\text{PV} \left\{ \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-y}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy \right\} = \frac{\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}}.}$$

## Short summary: Liénard form, Inverse Integrating Factor

The linear system (Liénard canonical form):

$$(LCF) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = Tx - y \\ \dot{y} = Dx - a \end{cases} \quad [[\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})]]$$



Poincaré section is  $x = 0$ . It is assumed that  $D^2 + a^2 \neq 0$ .

For  $D \neq 0$  there is one equilibrium at  $(a/D, aT/D)$ .

The inverse integrating factor

$$V(x, y) = D^2x^2 - DTxy + Dy^2 + a(T^2 - 2D)x - aTy + a^2$$

The vector field  $\mathbf{G}(x, y) = \left( -\frac{Dx - a}{V(x, y)}, \frac{Tx - y}{V(x, y)} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{F}(x, y)^\perp}{V(x, y)}$  is

- conservative on any connected component of  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ ,
- orthogonal to the flow on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus V^{-1}(\{0\})$ .

## Obtaining the Flight time

Remind that if  $\Phi$  is the flow of system and  $F$  is its vector field, then

$$V(\Phi(t; \mathbf{p})) = V(\mathbf{p}) \exp \left( \int_0^t \operatorname{div} F(\Phi(s; \mathbf{p})) ds \right).$$

- For system (LCF) it is  $\operatorname{div} F(x, y) \equiv T$ . Thus,  $T\tau = \log \left( \frac{V(0, y_1)}{V(0, y_0)} \right)$ .
- Moreover, if

$$\operatorname{PV} \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-y}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy = \frac{k\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}}, \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2\},$$

then

$$\log \left( \frac{V(0, y_1)}{V(0, y_0)} \right) = T \left( \frac{2k\pi}{\sqrt{4D - T^2}} + \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{a}{V(0, y)} dy \right).$$

Exercise





## Solution of the exercise

- Case  $D \cdot a \neq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 k \in \{0, 1, 2\}, \quad \frac{k\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}} &= \text{PV} \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-y}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{2Dy - aT}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-aT}{Dy^2 - aTy + a^2} dy \iff \\
 \iff \log \left( \frac{V(0, y_1)}{V(0, y_0)} \right) &= T \left( \frac{2k\pi}{\sqrt{4D - T^2}} + \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{a}{V(0, y)} dy \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Case  $D = 0, a \neq 0$ : (Imply  $k = 0$ ).

- Case  $T \neq 0$ :  $\int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{a}{-aTy + a^2} dy = \frac{-1}{T} \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-aT}{-aTy + a^2} dy$
- Case  $T = 0$ : Trivial.

- Case  $D \neq 0, a = 0$ : (Imply  $D > 0$  and  $k = 1$ ).

$$\frac{\pi T}{D\sqrt{4D - T^2}} = \text{PV} \int_{y_1}^{y_0} \frac{-1}{Dy} dy = \frac{1}{D} \log \left( \left| \frac{y_1}{y_0} \right| \right) = \frac{1}{2D} \log \left( \frac{y_1^2}{y_0^2} \right) \quad \square$$

## Generalized Liénard Form of a Piecewise Linear System

### Exercise

Consider  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{cases} A_L \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_L, & \text{if } x_1 \leq 0, \\ A_R \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_R, & \text{if } x_1 \geq 0, \end{cases}$  where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  
 $A_{L,R} = (a_{ij}^{L,R})_{2 \times 2}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_{L,R} = (b_1^{L,R}, b_2^{L,R}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- 1 Prove that  $a_{12}^L a_{12}^R > 0$  is a necessary condition for the existence of limit cycles.
- 2 Find a homeomorphism preserving the separation line  $x = 0$ , that transforms the system into the following Liénard canonical form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = T_L x - y \\ \dot{y} = D_L x - a_L \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x < 0, \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x} = T_R x - y + b \\ \dot{y} = D_R x - a_R \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x > 0,$$

where  $a_L = a_{12}^L b_2^L - a_{22}^L b_1^L$ ,  $a_R = a_{12}^L (a_{12}^R b_2^R - a_{22}^R b_1^R) / a_{12}^R$ ,  
 $b = a_{12}^L b_1^R / a_{12}^R - b_1^L$ , and  $T_L, T_R$  and  $D_L, D_R$  are the traces and determinants of the matrices  $A_L$  and  $A_R$ .

## Generalized Liénard Form of a Piecewise Linear System

Hint:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a_{22}^L & -a_{12}^L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b_1^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_1 \leq 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{a_{12}^R} \begin{pmatrix} a_{12}^L & 0 \\ a_{12}^L a_{22}^R & -a_{12}^L a_{12}^R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b_1^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_1 > 0.$$

E. Freire, E. Ponce, and F. Torres, Canonical discontinuous planar piecewise linear systems, *SIAM J. Appl. Dyn. Syst.*, 11 (2012). [Prop 3.1]

## Lum-Chua's conjecture: Liénard canonical form

Under the (necessary) condition  $a_{12} \neq 0$  the linear change of variables  $(x, y) = (x_1, a_{22}x_1 - a_{12}x_2 - b_1)$  transforms the system into the Liénard canonical form,

$$(S_L) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = T_L x - y \\ \dot{y} = D_L x - a \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x < 0, \quad (S_R) \begin{cases} \dot{x} = T_R x - y \\ \dot{y} = D_R x - a \end{cases} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0,$$

where  $a = a_{12}b_2 - a_{22}b_1$ .

### Exercise

- Prove that no limit cycle exists for  $T_L T_R \geq 0$  (Hint: Green's Theorem; See, for instance, E. Freire, E. Ponce, F. Rodrigo, F. Torres, *Internat. J. Bifur. Chaos Appl. 6 Sci. Engrg.* 8 (1998)).
- Prove that no limit cycle exists for  $a = 0$  (Hint: The system is homogeneous).

Therefore,  $T_L T_R < 0$  must be assumed for the existence of limit cycles.