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LOCAL STRUCTURE OF THE MORSE SYSTEM OF TWO NON-AUTONOMOUS ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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We consider a smooth system of ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = f^i(t, x). \quad (1)$$

Here $t \in T \subset R$ is time coordinate, vector x belongs to two-dimensional space of phase coordinates $M \subset R^2$, $f(t, x)$ is a certain smooth vector-function.

DEFINITION 1. We shall say that the point $t_0 = 0, x_0 = 0 \in T \times M$ is the critical point of the system (1) at an instant t_0 if $f(t_0, x_0) = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, 2$.

We can consider the vector-function $x(t)$ as a result of Cartesian product of maps $x^i : T \longrightarrow X^i$, where $X^i \subset R$, $i = 1, \dots, 2$.

Note that we can consider also the instant $t = t_0$ as the critical point for each of maps $x^i : T \longrightarrow X^i$.

DEFINITION 2[1]. The critical point t_0 is the regular point for the function $x^i(t)$ if

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} \Big|_{t_0} \neq 0.$$

DEFINITION 3. We shall say that the system (1) is the Morse system in a neighbourhood of the critical point t_0, x_0 if $x^i(t) = \alpha_i t^2$ for each solution $x^i(t)$ of the set (1) ($\alpha_i = \text{const} \neq 0$).

Let the functions $x^i(t)$ in a neighbourhood of the critical point $t_0 = 0, x_0 = 0$ have the form

$$x^i(t) = \alpha_i t^{k_i+1} + O(t^{k_i+2}), \quad (i = 1, 2)$$

where $\alpha_i = \text{const}$, $i = 1, 2$, $k_1 = k$, $k_2 = m$ ($k, m \geq 1$). Then for the given integral manifold we have

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = f^i(t, x(t)) \approx \alpha_i (k_i + 1) t^{k_i}. \quad (2)$$

We determine a class of equivalence of smooth functions $f^i(t, x)$, which satisfy to the condition (2).

Theorem. For Morse equations system (1) ($k_1 = k_2 = 1$) the functions $f^i(t, x)$ in a neighbourhood of the critical point t_0, x_0 have the form

$$f^i(t, x) = t(2\alpha_i + t\psi_{00}^i(t, x)) + \sum_j x^j \psi_j^i(t, x), \quad (j = 1, 2)$$

where $\psi_{00}^i(t, x), \psi_j^i(t, x)$ are smooth functions.

For example let the considered system contains one equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \beta(x + \beta t).$$

This equation has the solution $x(t) = \exp(\beta t) - 1 - \beta t$ under the condition $x(0) = 0$. In a neighbourhood of the critical point $(0, 0)$ this solution has the form $x(t) = (\beta t)^2/2 + O(t^3)$.

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