

RATIONAL LIMIT CYCLES FOR A CLASS OF GENERALIZED ABEL'S POLYNOMIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Abstract. In this manuscript, we deal with a class of generalized Abel's ordinary polynomial differential equations of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = F(t)y^2 + G(t)y^n,$$

where $F(t), G(t)$ are real polynomials with $G(t) \neq 0$ and $n \geq 3$. We prove that these Abel differential equations have non-trivial rational limit cycles. We also discuss the relation between the existence of the non-trivial rational limit cycles and the degrees of real polynomials $F(t), G(t)$.

1. Introduction and presentation of the main results

In this research, we want to study the existence of non-trivial rational limit cycles of a class of polynomial differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = F(t)y^2 + G(t)y^n, \quad (1.1)$$

where t, y are real variables and $G(t)$ and $F(t)$ are two real polynomials of degree r, s respectively with $G(t) \neq 0$.

The study of limit cycles of differential equations is one of the main problems in the qualitative theory of differential equations (see for instance [2, 10, 11, 12, 13]) in addition to that, the differential equations (1.1) are interesting because they happen in a lot of models of real phenomena (see for instance [3, 6]).

A periodic solution of equation (1.1) is a solution $y(t)$ defined in $[0, 1]$ such as $y(0) - y(1) = 0$, note that without loss of over-simplification we are supposing that

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