

# Limit Cycle Bifurcations in a Class of Cubic System near a Nilpotent Center\*

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper we deal with a cubic near-Hamiltonian system whose unperturbed system is a simple cubic Hamiltonian system having a nilpotent center. We prove that the system can have 5 limit cycles by using bifurcation theory.

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## 1. Introduction

In the International Congress of Mathematics held in Paris in 1900, Hilbert made a list of 23 problems. The second part of Hilbert's 16th problem is still an open and difficult question: to find an upper bound of the number of limit cycles and their relative locations in polynomial vector fields of order  $n$ .

If the singular point of the system is a non-saddle, nor nilpotent, the related Hopf bifurcations are elementary, see [1-3] and their references. Hopf bifurcations from the elementary focus type of singularities have found broad and important applications in biology, chemistry and physics and engineering, see [4-7] for examples. Yet for the bifurcation of limit cycles from a non-elementary center in a more general planar vector field, its intrinsic dynamics is still far away from understanding due to the complexity and technical difficulties in dealing with such bifurcations.

Then it was natural to restrict the study of the nilpotent center by assuming the system is a perturbation of a Hamiltonian system. Consider the following system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= H_y + \varepsilon P(x, y, \varepsilon, \delta), \\ \dot{y} &= -H_x + \varepsilon Q(x, y, \varepsilon, \delta), \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $H(x, y)$ ,  $P(x, y, \varepsilon, \delta)$  and  $Q(x, y, \varepsilon, \delta)$  are  $C^\infty$  functions,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  is small and  $\delta \in D \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $D$  a compact set.

When  $\varepsilon = 0$ , system (1.1) becomes

$$\dot{x} = H_y, \quad \dot{y} = -H_x, \quad (1.2)$$

which is Hamiltonian system. Now suppose that the

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Hamiltonian system (1.2) has a nilpotent center at the origin, namely the function  $H$  satisfies the following conditions:

(H1)  $H(x, y)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function, satisfying

$$H(0, 0) = H_x(0, 0) = H_y(0, 0) = 0;$$

(H2)  $0 < h \ll 1$ , the equation  $H(x, y) = h$  defines a closed curve  $L_h$  surrounding the origin and  $L_h$  approaches the origin as  $h$  goes to zero;

(H3)  $\frac{\partial(H_y, -H_x)}{\partial(x, y)}(0, 0) \neq 0$ ,  $\det \frac{\partial(H_y, -H_x)}{\partial(x, y)}(0, 0) = 0$ .

It follows that the expansion of  $H$  at the origin has the form

$$H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}y^2 + \sum_{i+j \geq 3} h_{ij}x^i y^j$$

Assume that the equation  $H(x, y) = h$  intersects the positive  $x$ -axis at  $A(h) = (a(h), 0)$ . Let  $B(h, \varepsilon, \delta)$  denote the first intersection point of the positive orbit of (1.1) starting at  $A(h)$  with the positive  $x$ -axis. Then, we have

$$H(B) - H(A) = \int_{AB} dH = \varepsilon [M(h, \delta) + O(\varepsilon)], \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$M(h, \delta) = \oint_{L_h} Q dx - P dy. \quad (1.4)$$

The Abelian integral  $M$  above is called the first order Melnikov function of system (1.1). From Han [8], we have a general theorem as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that the origin is nilpotent singular point  $\varepsilon = 0$  and that  $L_h$  approaches the origin as  $h$  goes to zero. If there exist an integer  $k \geq 1$  and*

$\delta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$B_j(\delta_0) = 0, j = 0, \dots, k-1, B_k(\delta_0) \neq 0,$$

and

$$\text{rank} \frac{\partial(B_0, \dots, B_{k-1})}{\partial(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m)}(\delta_0) = k, m \geq k,$$

then we have

1)  $M(h, \delta)$  has at most  $k$  zeros near  $h=0$  for  $0 < h \ll 1$  and all  $\delta$  near  $\delta_0$ , and  $k$  zeros can appear for some  $\delta$  near  $\delta_0$ .

2) System (1.1) has at least  $k$  limit cycles near the origin for some  $\delta$  near  $\delta_0$ .

## 2. Main Results and Proof

Consider the following near-Hamiltonian system:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y + 2axy + 2bx^2y + 3cy^2 + \varepsilon p(x, y), \\ \dot{y} &= -4x^3 - ay^2 - 2bxy^2 + \varepsilon q(x, y), \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$  and  $p$  and  $q$  are cubic polynomials. We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda_{1i} x^i &= 1 - ax + \left(\frac{3a^2}{2} - b\right)x^2 + \left(3ab - \frac{5a^3}{2}\right)x^3 + \frac{1}{8}(35a^4 - 60a^2b + 12b^2)x^4 \\ &+ \frac{1}{8}(-63a^5 + 140a^3b - 60ab^2)x^5 + \frac{1}{16}(231a^6 - 630a^4b + 420a^2b^2 - 40b^3)x^6 \\ &+ \frac{1}{16}(-429a^7 + 1386a^5b - 1260a^3b^2 + 280ab^3)x^7 \\ &+ \frac{1}{128}(6435a^8 - 24024a^6b + 27720a^4b^2 - 10080a^2b^3 + 560b^4)x^8 \\ &+ \frac{1}{128}(-12155a^9 + 51480a^7b - 72072a^5b^2 + 36960a^3b^3 - 5040ab^4)x^9 \\ &+ \frac{1}{256}(46189a^{10} - 218790a^8b + 360360a^6b^2 - 240240a^4b^3 + 55440a^2b^4 - 2016b^5)x^{10} + O(x^{11}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_2 = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda_{2i} x^i &= -c + 4acx + (4b - 12a^2)cx^2 + (32a^3 - 24ab)cx^3 - (80a^4 - 96a^2b + 3b^2)cx^4 \\ &+ 32(6a^5 - 10a^3b + 3ab^2)cx^5 - 32(14a^6 - 30a^4b + 15a^2b^2 - b^3)cx^6 + O(x^7), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_3 = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda_{3i} x^i &= \frac{5}{2}c^2 - \frac{35}{2}ac^2x + \frac{35}{4}(9a^2 - 2b)c^2x^2 - \frac{105}{4}(11a^2 - 6b)ac^2x^3 + \frac{105}{16}(143a^4 - 132a^2b + 12b^2)c^2x^4 \\ &- \frac{1155}{16}(39a^4 - 52a^2b + 12b^2)ac^2x^5 + \frac{1155}{32}(221a^6 - 390a^4b + 156a^2b^2 - 8b^3)c^2x^6 + O(x^7), \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_4 = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda_{4i} x^i = -8c^3 + 80ac^3x + 80(-6a^2 + b)c^3x^2 + 320a(7a^2 - 3b)c^3x^3 - 160(56a^4 - 42a^2b + 3b^2)c^3x^4 + O(x^5),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_5 = \sum_{i \geq 0} \lambda_{5i} x^i &= \frac{231}{8}c^4 - \frac{3003}{8}ac^4x + \frac{3003}{16}(15a^2 - 2b)c^4x^2 - \frac{15015}{16}(17a^2 - 6b)ac^4x^3 \\ &+ \frac{15015}{64}(323a^4 - 204a^2b + 12b^2)c^4x^4 + O(x^5). \end{aligned}$$

$$p_x + q_y = \sum_{0 \leq i+j \leq 2} c_{ij} x^i y^j. \tag{2.2}$$

Then unperturbed system (2.1)| $_{\varepsilon=0}$  is a Hamiltonian system with Hamiltonian

$$H(x, y) = x^4 + \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2ax + 2bx^2)y^2 + cy^3, \tag{2.3}$$

system (2.1)| $_{\varepsilon=0}$  has a nilpotent center at the origin. Let  $L_h$  be the closed curve defined by  $H(x, y) = h$ . Then it can be presented as

$$(1 + 2ax + 2bx^2)y^2 + 2cy^3 = 2(h - x^4). \tag{2.4}$$

Assume that the positive solution of the above equation in  $y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} y = v_1(x, u) &= \lambda_1 u + \lambda_2 u^2 + \lambda_3 u^3 + \lambda_4 u^4 + \lambda_5 u^5 + O(u^6), \\ \lambda_m &= \lambda_m(x) \in C^\infty, \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

where  $u = \sqrt{2(h - x^4)}$  and  $\lambda_1(0) = 1$ . Then by (2.4) and (2.5) we obtain

By [8] the negative solution of (2.4) in  $y$  satisfies  $v_2(x, u) = v_1(x, -u)$ . Thus, two solutions of (2.4) are

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(x, u) &= \lambda_1 u + \lambda_2 u^2 + \lambda_3 u^3 \\ &\quad + \lambda_4 u^4 + \lambda_5 u^5 + O(u^6), \\ v_2(x, u) &= -\lambda_1 u + \lambda_2 u^2 - \lambda_3 u^3 \\ &\quad + \lambda_4 u^4 - \lambda_5 u^5 + O(u^6). \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

On the other hand, the intersection points of  $L_h$  and  $x$ -axis have the  $x$ -coordinates  $a_1(h) = h^{\frac{1}{4}}$  and  $a_2(h) = -h^{\frac{1}{4}}$ . Then by (2.2) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} M(h, \delta) &= \oint_{L_h} qdx - pdy = \iint_{H \leq h} (p_x + q_y) dx dy \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq i+j \leq 2} c_{ij} I_{ij}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_{00} &= \int_{-h^{\frac{1}{4}}}^{h^{\frac{1}{4}}} dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} dy = 2 \int_{-h^{\frac{1}{4}}}^{h^{\frac{1}{4}}} (\lambda_1 u + \lambda_3 u^3 + \lambda_5 u^5 + O(u^7)) dx \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{10} W_{00}(h) + \lambda_{12} W_{20}(h) + \lambda_{14} W_{40}(h) + \lambda_{16} W_{60}(h) + \lambda_{18} W_{80}(h) + \lambda_{1,10} W_{10,0}(h)) \\ &\quad + 8\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{30} W_{02}(h) + \lambda_{32} W_{22}(h) + \lambda_{34} W_{42}(h) + \lambda_{36} W_{62}(h)) + 16\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{50} W_{04}(h) + \lambda_{52} W_{24}(h)) + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} \left[ \lambda_{10} \omega_{00} h^{\frac{3}{4}} + \lambda_{12} \omega_{20} h^{\frac{5}{4}} + (\lambda_{14} \omega_{40} + 2\lambda_{30} \omega_{02}) h^{\frac{7}{4}} + (\lambda_{16} \omega_{60} + 2\lambda_{32} \omega_{22}) h^{\frac{9}{4}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\lambda_{18} \omega_{80} + 2\lambda_{34} \omega_{42} + 4\lambda_{50} \omega_{04}) h^{\frac{11}{4}} + (\lambda_{1,10} \omega_{10,0} + 2\lambda_{36} \omega_{62} + 4\lambda_{52} \omega_{24}) h^{\frac{13}{4}} + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \right], \\ I_{10} &= \int_{-h^{\frac{1}{4}}}^{h^{\frac{1}{4}}} x dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} dy = 2 \int_{-h^{\frac{1}{4}}}^{h^{\frac{1}{4}}} x (\lambda_1 u + \lambda_3 u^3 + \lambda_5 u^5 + O(u^7)) dx = 4\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{11} W_{20}(h) + \lambda_{13} W_{40}(h) + \lambda_{15} W_{60}(h) \\ &\quad + \lambda_{17} W_{80}(h) + \lambda_{19} W_{10,0}(h)) + 8\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{31} W_{22}(h) + \lambda_{33} W_{42}(h) + \lambda_{35} W_{62}(h)) + 16\sqrt{2} \lambda_{51} W_{24}(h) + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} \left[ \lambda_{11} \omega_{20} h^{\frac{5}{4}} + \lambda_{13} \omega_{40} h^{\frac{7}{4}} + (\lambda_{15} \omega_{60} + 2\lambda_{31} \omega_{22}) h^{\frac{9}{4}} + (\lambda_{17} \omega_{80} + 2\lambda_{33} \omega_{42}) h^{\frac{11}{4}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\lambda_{19} \omega_{10,0} + 2\lambda_{35} \omega_{62} + 4\lambda_{51} \omega_{24}) h^{\frac{13}{4}} + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \right], \\ I_{20} &= \int_{-h^{\frac{1}{4}}}^{h^{\frac{1}{4}}} x^2 dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} dy = 2 \int_{-h^{\frac{1}{4}}}^{h^{\frac{1}{4}}} x^2 (\lambda_1 u + \lambda_3 u^3 + \lambda_5 u^5 + O(u^7)) dx = 4\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{10} W_{20}(h) + \lambda_{12} W_{40}(h) + \lambda_{14} W_{60}(h) \\ &\quad + \lambda_{16} W_{80}(h) + \lambda_{18} W_{10,0}(h)) + 8\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{30} W_{22}(h) + \lambda_{32} W_{42}(h) + \lambda_{34} W_{62}(h)) + 16\sqrt{2} \lambda_{50} W_{24}(h) + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} \left[ \lambda_{10} \omega_{20} h^{\frac{5}{4}} + \lambda_{12} \omega_{40} h^{\frac{7}{4}} + (\lambda_{14} \omega_{60} + 2\lambda_{30} \omega_{22}) h^{\frac{9}{4}} + (\lambda_{16} \omega_{80} + 2\lambda_{32} \omega_{42}) h^{\frac{11}{4}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\lambda_{18} \omega_{10,0} + 2\lambda_{34} \omega_{62} + 4\lambda_{50} \omega_{24}) h^{\frac{13}{4}} + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{ij} &= \iint_{H \leq h} x^i y^j dx dy = \int_{a_2(h)}^{a_1(h)} dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} x^i y^j dy \\ &= \frac{1}{j+1} \int_{a_2(h)}^{a_1(h)} x^i \left[ (v_1^*)^{j+1} - (v_2^*)^{j+1} \right] dx, \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Here,

$$v_i^*(x, h) = v_i(x, u), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad u = \sqrt{2(h - x^4)}.$$

Introduce

$$W_{ij}(h) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{h^4}} x^i (h - x^4)^{\frac{j+1}{2}} dx. \tag{2.9}$$

Then, similar to the method of Han [8] we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_{ij}(h) &= \omega_{ij} h^{\frac{2(j+1)+i+1}{4}}, \\ \omega_{ij} &= \int_0^1 x^i (1 - x^4)^{\frac{j+1}{2}} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Therefore, in turn by (2.6)-(2.10) we have

Noting that  $v_1^2 - v_2^2 = 4\lambda_1\lambda_2u^3 + 4(\lambda_1\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3)u^5 + O(u^7)$ , then similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{01} &= \int_{-\frac{1}{h^4}}^{\frac{1}{h^4}} dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} y dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{1}{h^4}}^{\frac{1}{h^4}} 4 \left[ \lambda_1\lambda_2u^3 + (\lambda_1\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3)u^5 + O(u^7) \right] dx \\
 &= 8\sqrt{2} \left[ \lambda_{10}\lambda_{20}W_{02}(h) + (\lambda_{12}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{22})W_{22}(h) + (\lambda_{14}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{24})W_{42}(h) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (\lambda_{16}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{15}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{14}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{24} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{25} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{26})W_{62}(h) \right] \\
 &\quad + 16\sqrt{2} \left[ (\lambda_{20}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{40})W_{04}(h) + (\lambda_{22}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{21}\lambda_{31} + \lambda_{20}\lambda_{32} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{40} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{41} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{42})W_{24}(h) \right] + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \\
 &= 8\sqrt{2} \left[ \lambda_{10}\lambda_{20}\omega_{02}h^{\frac{7}{4}} + (\lambda_{12}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{22})\omega_{22}h^{\frac{9}{4}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + ((\lambda_{14}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{24})\omega_{42} + 2(\lambda_{20}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{40})\omega_{04})h^{\frac{11}{4}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + ((\lambda_{16}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{15}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{14}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{24} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{25} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{26})\omega_{62} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 2(\lambda_{22}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{21}\lambda_{31} + \lambda_{20}\lambda_{32} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{40} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{41} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{42})\omega_{24}h^{\frac{13}{4}} + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{11} &= \int_{-\frac{1}{h^4}}^{\frac{1}{h^4}} x dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} y dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{1}{h^4}}^{\frac{1}{h^4}} 4x \left[ \lambda_1\lambda_2u^3 + (\lambda_1\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3)u^5 + O(u^7) \right] dx \\
 &= 8\sqrt{2} \left[ (\lambda_{11}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{21})W_{22}(h) + (\lambda_{13}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{23})W_{42}(h) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (\lambda_{15}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{14}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{24} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{25})W_{62}(h) \right] \\
 &\quad + 16\sqrt{2} (\lambda_{21}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{20}\lambda_{31} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{40} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{41})W_{24}(h) + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \\
 &= 8\sqrt{2} \left[ (\lambda_{11}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{21})\omega_{22}h^{\frac{9}{4}} + (\lambda_{13}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{23})\omega_{42}h^{\frac{11}{4}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + ((\lambda_{15}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{14}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{24} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{25})\omega_{62} + 2(\lambda_{21}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{20}\lambda_{31} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{40} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{41})\omega_{24})h^{\frac{13}{4}} + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, using  $v_1^3 - v_2^3 = 2\lambda_1^3u^3 + 6(\lambda_1^2\lambda_3 + \lambda_1\lambda_2^2)u^5 + O(u^7)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{02} &= \int_{-\frac{1}{h^4}}^{\frac{1}{h^4}} dx \int_{v_2}^{v_1} y^2 dy = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-\frac{1}{h^4}}^{\frac{1}{h^4}} 2 \left[ \lambda_1^3u^3 + 3(\lambda_1^2\lambda_3 + \lambda_1\lambda_2^2)u^5 + O(u^7) \right] dx \\
 &= \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3} \left[ \lambda_{10}^3W_{02}(h) + 3\lambda_{10}(\lambda_{11}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{12})W_{22}(h) + 3(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{12} + 2\lambda_{10}\lambda_{11}\lambda_{13} + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{12}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{14}))W_{42}(h) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (\lambda_{12}^3 + 6\lambda_{12}(\lambda_{11}\lambda_{13} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{14}) + 3(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{14} + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{13}^2 + 2\lambda_{11}\lambda_{15}) + \lambda_{10}^2\lambda_{16}))W_{62}(h) \right] \\
 &\quad + 16\sqrt{2} \left[ \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{20}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{30})W_{04}(h) + (\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{12}(\lambda_{20}^2 + 2\lambda_{10}\lambda_{30}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 2\lambda_{11}(\lambda_{20}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{31}) + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{21}^2 + 2\lambda_{20}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{32}))W_{24}(h) \right] + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right) \\
 &= \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3} \left[ \lambda_{10}^3\omega_{02}h^{\frac{7}{4}} + 3\lambda_{10}(\lambda_{11}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{12})\omega_{22}h^{\frac{9}{4}} + (3(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{12} + 2\lambda_{10}\lambda_{11}\lambda_{13} + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{12}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{14}))\omega_{42} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 6\lambda_{10}(\lambda_{20}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{30})\omega_{04}h^{\frac{11}{4}} + ((\lambda_{12}^3 + 6\lambda_{12}(\lambda_{11}\lambda_{13} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{14}) + 3(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{14} + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{13}^2 + 2\lambda_{11}\lambda_{15}) + \lambda_{10}^2\lambda_{16}))\omega_{62} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 6(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{12}(\lambda_{20}^2 + 2\lambda_{10}\lambda_{30}) + 2\lambda_{11}(\lambda_{20}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{31}) + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{21}^2 + 2\lambda_{20}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{32}))\omega_{24}h^{\frac{13}{4}} \right] + O\left(h^{\frac{15}{4}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$M(h, \delta) = h^{\frac{3}{4}} \left( B_0(\delta) + B_1(\delta)h^{\frac{1}{2}} + B_2(\delta)h + B_3(\delta)h^{\frac{3}{2}} + B_4(\delta)h^2 + B_5(\delta)h^{\frac{5}{2}} + O(h^3) \right),$$

where  $\delta = (c_{00}, c_{10}, c_{20}, c_{01}, c_{02}, c_{11})$ . And

$$B_0(\delta) = 4\sqrt{2}\lambda_{10}\omega_{00}c_{00},$$

$$B_1(\delta) = 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{12}\omega_{20}c_{00} + \lambda_{11}\omega_{20}c_{10} + \lambda_{10}\omega_{20}c_{20}),$$

$$B_2(\delta) = 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{14}\omega_{40} + 2\lambda_{30}\omega_{02})c_{00} + 4\sqrt{2}\lambda_{13}\omega_{40}c_{10} + 4\sqrt{2}\lambda_{12}\omega_{40}c_{20} + 8\sqrt{2}\lambda_{10}\lambda_{20}\omega_{02}c_{01} + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}\lambda_{10}^3\omega_{02}c_{02},$$

$$B_3(\delta) = 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{16}\omega_{60} + 2\lambda_{32}\omega_{22})c_{00} + 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{15}\omega_{60} + 2\lambda_{31}\omega_{22})c_{10} + 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{14}\omega_{60} + 2\lambda_{30}\omega_{22})c_{20} + 8\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{12}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{22})\omega_{22}c_{01} + 8\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{11}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{21})\omega_{22}c_{11} + 8\sqrt{2}\lambda_{10}(\lambda_{11}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{12})\omega_{22}c_{02},$$

$$B_4(\delta) = 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{18}\omega_{80} + 2\lambda_{34}\omega_{42} + 4\lambda_{50}\omega_{04})c_{00} + 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{17}\omega_{80} + 2\lambda_{33}\omega_{42})c_{10} + 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{16}\omega_{80} + 2\lambda_{32}\omega_{42})c_{20} + 8\sqrt{2}[(\lambda_{14}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{24})\omega_{42} + 2(\lambda_{20}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{40})\omega_{04}]c_{01} + 8\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{13}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{23})\omega_{42}c_{11} + 8\sqrt{2}[(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{12} + 2\lambda_{10}\lambda_{11}\lambda_{13} + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{12}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{14}))\omega_{42} + 2\lambda_{10}(\lambda_{20}^2 + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{30})\omega_{04}]c_{02},$$

$$B_5(\delta) = 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{1,10}\omega_{10,0} + 2\lambda_{36}\omega_{62} + 4\lambda_{52}\omega_{24})c_{00} + 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{19}\omega_{10,0} + 2\lambda_{35}\omega_{62} + 4\lambda_{51}\omega_{24})c_{10} + 4\sqrt{2}(\lambda_{18}\omega_{10,0} + 2\lambda_{34}\omega_{62} + 4\lambda_{50}\omega_{24})c_{20} + 8\sqrt{2}[(\lambda_{16}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{15}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{14}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{24} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{25} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{26})\omega_{62} + 2(\lambda_{22}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{21}\lambda_{31} + \lambda_{20}\lambda_{32} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{40} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{41} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{42})\omega_{24}]c_{01} + 8\sqrt{2}[(\lambda_{15}\lambda_{20} + \lambda_{14}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{13}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{12}\lambda_{23} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{24} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{25})\omega_{62} + 2(\lambda_{21}\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{20}\lambda_{31} + \lambda_{11}\lambda_{40} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{41})\omega_{24}]c_{11} + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}[(\lambda_{12}^3 + 6\lambda_{12}(\lambda_{11}\lambda_{13} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{14}) + 3(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{14} + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{13}^2 + 2\lambda_{11}\lambda_{15}) + \lambda_{10}^2\lambda_{16}))\omega_{62} + 6(\lambda_{11}^2\lambda_{30} + \lambda_{12}(\lambda_{20}^2 + 2\lambda_{10}\lambda_{30}) + 2\lambda_{11}(\lambda_{20}\lambda_{21} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{31}) + \lambda_{10}(\lambda_{21}^2 + 2\lambda_{20}\lambda_{22} + \lambda_{10}\lambda_{32}))\omega_{24}]c_{02}.$$

Now it is direct that

$$\det \frac{\partial(B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5)}{\partial(c_{00}, c_{10}, c_{20}, c_{01}, c_{02}, c_{11})} = (462422016a^4bc^6 - 924844032a^2b^2c^6)\omega_{00}\omega_{04}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{40} + (1541406720a^2b^2c^6 - 2312110080a^4bc^6)\omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{42} + (3371827200a^8bc^4 - 5147197440a^6b^2c^4 - 3578265600a^4b^3c^4 + 770703360a^2b^4c^4)\omega_{00}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{40}\omega_{42} + (1798307840a^8bc^4 - 5394923520a^6b^2c^4 + 3816816640a^4b^3c^4 - 440401920a^2b^4c^4)\omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{24}\omega_{42}\omega_{60} + (-1271660544a^8bc^4 + 3314024448a^6b^2c^4 - 1284505600a^4b^3c^4 - 513802240a^2b^4c^4)\omega_{00}\omega_{04}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{40}\omega_{62} + \left(-2825912320a^8bc^4 + 3413114880a^6b^2c^4 + 1468006400a^4b^3c^4 - \frac{734003200}{3}a^2b^4c^4\right)\omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{42}\omega_{62} + \left(88309760a^{12}bc^2 - 158269440a^{10}b^2c^2 + 486277120a^8b^3c^2 - \frac{3871866880}{3}a^6b^4c^2 + 458752000a^4b^5c^2 + \frac{183500800}{3}a^2b^6c^2\right)\omega_{00}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{40}\omega_{42}\omega_{62} + \left(-618168320a^{12}bc^2 + 2585067520a^{10}b^2c^2 - 3881041920a^8b^3c^2 + \frac{8018984960}{3}a^6b^4c^2\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1559756800}{3}a^4b^5c^2 - 183500800a^2b^6c^2 \Big) \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{42}\omega_{60}\omega_{62} \\
 & + \left( -272498688a^8bc^4 + 1040449536a^6b^2c^4 - 1156055040a^4b^3c^4 + 330301440a^2b^4c^4 \right) \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{80} \\
 & + \left( 749371392a^{12}bc^2 - 3315400704a^{10}b^2c^2 + 4761845760a^8b^3c^2 \right. \\
 & \left. - 2257059840a^6b^4c^2 - 91750400a^4b^5c^2 + 183500800a^2b^6c^2 \right) \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{62}\omega_{80} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{820019200}{3}a^{12}bc^2 + \frac{3701800960}{3}a^{10}b^2c^2 - 1744568320a^8b^3c^2 \right. \\
 & \left. + 678952960a^6b^4c^2 + \frac{458752000}{3}a^4b^5c^2 - \frac{183500800}{3}a^2b^6c^2 \right) \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{42}\omega_{10,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, if let  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , then for some cubic system (2.1) we can obtain the above determinant is not zero, then the function  $M$  can have 5 simple zeros in  $h > 0$  near  $h = 0$  for some  $\delta$  near  $\delta = 0$ . For example, let  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $c = \frac{1}{3}$ , we obtain from the above formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \det \frac{\partial(B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5)}{\partial(c_{00}, c_{10}, c_{20}, c_{01}, c_{02}, c_{11})} \\
 & = -\frac{1605632}{27} \omega_{00}\omega_{04}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{40} \\
 & + \frac{8028160}{243} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{42} \\
 & - \frac{3270400}{9} \omega_{00}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{40}\omega_{42} \\
 & + \frac{1792000}{27} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{24}\omega_{42}\omega_{60} \\
 & - \frac{2533888}{27} \omega_{00}\omega_{04}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{40}\omega_{62} \\
 & + \frac{46376960}{243} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{42}\omega_{62} \\
 & + \frac{84140}{9} \omega_{00}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{40}\omega_{42}\omega_{62} \\
 & - \frac{461300}{9} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{42}\omega_{60}\omega_{62} \\
 & - \frac{12544}{3} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{24}\omega_{80} \\
 & - \frac{19796}{3} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{62}\omega_{80} \\
 & + \frac{138820}{9} \omega_{00}\omega_{02}\omega_{20}\omega_{22}\omega_{42}\omega_{10,0}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_{00} &= 0.874019, & \omega_{20} &= 0.239628, & \omega_{40} &= 0.12486, \\
 \omega_{02} &= 0.749159, & \omega_{60} &= 0.079876, & \omega_{22} &= 0.159752,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_{80} &= 0.0567545, & \omega_{42} &= 0.0681054, & \omega_{04} &= 0.681054, \\
 \omega_{10,0} &= 0.0430102, & \omega_{62} &= 0.0368659, & \omega_{24} &= 0.122886,
 \end{aligned}$$

then we can obtain

$$\det \frac{\partial(B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5)}{\partial(c_{00}, c_{10}, c_{20}, c_{01}, c_{02}, c_{11})} = 18.8965. \quad (2.11)$$

By Theorem 1.1 we have:

**Theorem 2.1.** *The function  $M(h, \delta)$  has at most 5 zeros in  $h > 0$  near  $h = 0$ , and for  $\varepsilon > 0$  small the cubic system (2.1) can have 5 limit cycles near the origin.*

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