

On the Measure-Preserving Flow on the Torus¹⁾

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1. Let us consider the one-parameter stationary flow S_t on the euclidean plane defined by the following system of differential equations

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = X(x, y), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = Y(x, y), \end{cases}$$

where X and Y are assumed to be real-valued functions having continuous first derivatives. If we moreover assume X and Y to be periodic functions of period 1 with respect to their arguments, they can be expanded into uniformly convergent Fourier series in the following way.

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} X = \sum a_{mn} e^{2\pi i (mx+ny)} \\ Y = \sum b_{mn} e^{2\pi i (mx+ny)}. \end{cases}$$

Let us then suppose that our flow is measure-preserving, or, in other words, differential equations (1) admit an integral invariant

$$\iint dx dy.$$

In this case, we have

$$(3) \quad \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} = 0.$$

Then, by termwise differentiation, this relation can be written in the form

$$ma_{mn} + nb_{mn} = 0, \quad m, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Hence we can find a sequence $\{c_{mn}\}$ such that

$$a_{mn} = nc_{mn}, \quad b_{mn} = -mc_{mn}, \quad (m, n) \neq (0, 0).$$

Consequently we can write

$$(2') \quad \begin{cases} X = a_{00} + \sum nc_{mn} e^{2\pi i (mx+ny)}, \\ Y = b_{00} - \sum mc_{mn} e^{2\pi i (mx+ny)}. \end{cases}$$