

Periodic solutions for certain systems of planar complex polynomial equations

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1 Introduction

The present paper deals with the existence of T -periodic solutions of the T -periodic system of complex planar equations

$$\begin{cases} u' = p_1(t, u, v) \\ v' = p_2(t, u, v), \end{cases} \quad (\text{P})$$

where p_1 and p_2 are second order polynomials whose coefficients are T -periodic continuous functions from \mathbb{R} into \mathbb{C} .

Like it will be clear from the examples of the last section, (P) represents a generalization of the well known complex periodic Riccati equation

$$u' = u^2 + g(t),$$

where $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a continuous T -periodic function.

The existence of periodic solutions of equations of the type

$$u' = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j(t)u^j \quad (\text{E})$$

is an extensively investigated subject.

For example, in 1973 Lloyd [5] studied the problem when the polynomial at the right hand-side has real-valued coefficients.

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