

## The Period Function for Hamiltonian Systems with Homogeneous Nonlinearities\*

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF MAIN RESULTS

This paper deals with Hamiltonian systems of the form

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -H_y(x, y), \\ \dot{y} = H_x(x, y), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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