



# Polynomial differential systems having a given Darbouxian first integral <sup>☆</sup>

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## Abstract

The Darbouxian theory of integrability allows to determine when a polynomial differential system in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  has a first integral of the kind  $f_1^{\lambda_1} \cdots f_p^{\lambda_p} \exp(g/h)$  where  $f_i$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are polynomials in  $\mathbb{C}[x, y]$ , and  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . The functions of this form are called Darbouxian functions. Here, we solve the inverse problem, i.e. we characterize the polynomial vector fields in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  having a given Darbouxian function as a first integral.

On the other hand, using information about the degree of the invariant algebraic curves of a polynomial vector field, we improve the conditions for the existence of an integrating factor in the Darbouxian theory of integrability.

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## 1. Introduction and statement of the main results

By definition a *planar polynomial differential system* is a differential system of the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x} = P(x, y), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \dot{y} = Q(x, y), \quad (1)$$

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