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A symplectic study of motions in a perturbed Van-der-Pol dynamical system

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ABSTRACT_

There is studied a weakly perturbed Van-der-Pol dynamical system and the structure of its motions via the modern symplectic theory. Based on a Samoilenko-Prykarpatsky method of treating integral submanifolds of perturbed completely integrable Hamiltonian systems one proves the regular deformation of the Lagrangian asymptotic submanifolds in a vicinity of the hyperbolic periodic orbit.

We shall deal with the following Van-der-Pol dynamical system

$$dx/dt = y, \quad dy/dt = -\omega_0^2 x - \alpha y (x^2 - \beta^2) + \varepsilon y \cos \omega t, \tag{1.1}$$

where $(x, y) \in T^*(\mathbf{R}), \omega_0, \omega \in \mathbf{R}_+$ — the frequencies, $\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}_+$ — some given constants and $t \in \mathbf{R}$ — the evolution parameter. There is assumed too that parameters $\alpha, \varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}_+$ are small enough.

It is evident that at $\alpha, \varepsilon = 0$ dynamical system (1.1) doesn't possess hyperbolic peculiar points or periodic curves. This fact prompts us to devise a generalization of the theory developed in [1,2,3] for treating weakly perturbed Hamiltonian systems and their irregular motions caused by possible transversal separatrix splitting via the Birkhoff-Smale scenario. Herewith we suggest a new approach based on Samoilenko-Prykarpatsky imbedding submanifolds theory, to studying such a class of problems having no hyperbolic invariant submanifolds at $\alpha, \varepsilon = 0$. In the case of the dynamical system (1.1) we prove at $\varepsilon = 0, \alpha \in \mathbf{R}_+$ small enough the existence of the stable hyperbolic periodic invariant curve whose stable and unstable Lagrangean submanifolds are regular at $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{R}_+$ small enough in a vicinity of this attractive invariant curve.

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