

The period functions' higher order derivatives

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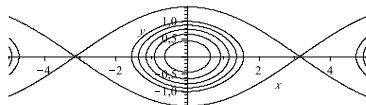
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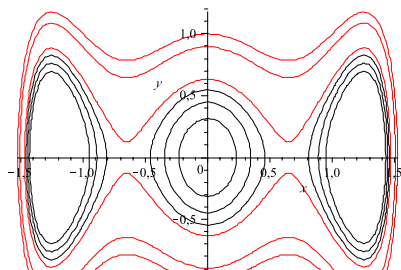
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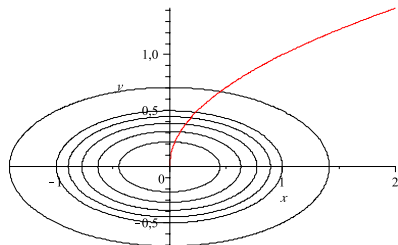
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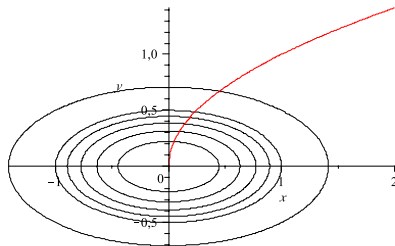
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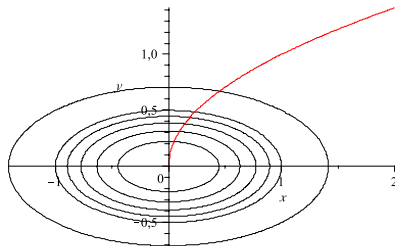


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Villarini (1992) and S. (1997) proved the following

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with C-factor and N-cofactor given by

$$m_s = \frac{1}{\delta}, \quad \mu_s = -\frac{\partial W_\delta}{\partial \delta}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mu_s &= -\partial_{W_\delta} (\ln P'(x)Q'(y)) = -\partial_{W_\delta} \ln P'(x) - \partial_{W_\delta} \ln Q'(y) \\ &= -\partial_{W_\delta} \left(\ln \frac{2s(x)G'(x)}{\sqrt{2G(x)}} \right) - \partial_{W_\delta} \left(\ln \frac{2s(y)F'(y)}{\sqrt{2F(y)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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where the integration is performed along the cycle $\phi_{V_\Psi}(t, z)$ starting at z . (S. 2012)

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In order to study convexity, one can consider μ_{s2} , which is the sum of a mixed term (both x and y) plus two pure terms (only x or only y):

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{s2} = 4 & \left[1 + 2 \frac{GG''}{G'^2} \cdot \frac{FF''}{F'^2} + \right. \\ & + \frac{3G^2 G''^2 - 3GG'^2 G'' - G^2 G' G'''}{G'^4} \\ & \left. + \frac{3F^2 F''^2 - 3FF'^2 F'' - F^2 F' F'''}{F'^4} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu_H = \frac{(F'' - G'')(G'^2 - F'^2)}{(G'^2 + F'^2)^2},$$

which does not separate variables, but does not require the non-degeneracy assumption .

End of Talk

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