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HOMOGENEOUS COMMUTING VECTOR FIELDS ON $\mathbb{C}^2$

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Abstract. — In the main result of this paper we give a method to construct all pairs of homogeneous commuting vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$ of the same degree $d \geq 2$ (Theorem 1). As an application, we classify, up to linear transformations of $\mathbb{C}^2$, all pairs of commuting homogeneous vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$, when $d = 2$ and $d = 3$ (corollaries 1 and 2). We obtain also necessary conditions in the cases of quasi-homogeneous vector fields and when the degrees are different (theorem 2).

Résumé (Champs de vecteurs homogènes commutants dans $\mathbb{C}^2$). — Dans le résultat principal de ce papier on donne une méthode de construction de tous les paires de champs de vecteurs homogènes de même degré $d \geq 2$ qui commutent (théorème 1). Comme application, on classe les paires de champs de vecteurs homogènes commutantes dans $\mathbb{C}^2$ de degrés $d = 2$ et $d = 3$ (corollaires 1 et 2). Nous obtenons aussi des conditions nécessaires dans les cas quasi-homogènes et quand les degrés sont différents (théorème 2).

1. Introduction

A. Guillot in his thesis and in [3], gave a non-trivial example of a pair of commuting homogeneous vector fields of degree two on $\mathbb{C}^3$. The example is non-trivial in the sense that it cannot be reduced to two vector fields in separated variables, like in the pair $X := P(x, y)\partial_x + Q(x, y)\partial_y$ and $Y := R(z)\partial_z$. This suggested me the problem of classification of pairs of polynomial commuting vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^n$. This problem, in this generality, seems very difficult, even for $n = 2$. Even the restricted problem of classification of pairs of commuting vector fields, homogeneous of degree d , seems very difficult for $n \geq 3$ and $d \geq 2$ (see problem 3). However, for $n = 2$ and $d \geq 2$ it is possible to give a complete classification, as we will see in this paper.

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Let X and Y be two homogeneous commuting vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$, where $dg(X) = k$ and $dg(Y) = \ell$, and $R = x \partial_x + y \partial_y$ be the radial vector field.

Definition 1.1. — We will say that X and Y are colinear if $X \wedge Y = 0$. In this case, we will use the notation X/Y . When $dg(X) = dg(Y)$, we will consider the 1-parameter family $(Z_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1}$ given by $Z_\lambda = X + \lambda Y$ if $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $Z_\infty = Y$. It will be called the pencil generated by X and Y . The pencil will be called trivial, if $Y = \lambda X$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Otherwise, it will be called non-trivial.

From now on, we will set:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} X \wedge Y = f \partial_x \wedge \partial_y \\ R \wedge X = g \partial_x \wedge \partial_y \\ R \wedge Y = h \partial_x \wedge \partial_y \end{cases}.$$

Since $dg(X) = k$ and $dg(Y) = \ell$, the polynomials f , g and h are homogeneous and $dg(f) = k + \ell$, $dg(g) = k + 1$, $dg(h) = \ell + 1$. Moreover, $f \neq 0$ iff X and Y are non-colinear.

Our main result concerns the case where $k = \ell \geq 2$. In this case, if $g, h \neq 0$, we will consider the meromorphic function $\phi = g/h$ as a holomorphic function $\phi: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$:

$$\phi[x : y] = \frac{g(x, y)}{h(x, y)}.$$

Theorem 1. — Let $(Z_\lambda)_\lambda$ be a non-trivial pencil of homogeneous commuting vector fields of degree $d \geq 2$ on $\mathbb{C}^2$. Let X and Y be two generators of the pencil and f , g , h and ϕ be as before. If the pencil is colinear then $X = \alpha.R$ and $Y = \beta.R$, where α and β are homogeneous polynomials of degree $d - 1$. If the pencil is non-colinear then:

- (a) $f, g, h \neq 0$.
- (b) f/g (resp. f/h) is a non-constant meromorphic first integral of X (resp. Y).
- (c) Let s be the (topological) degree of $\phi: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$. Then $1 \leq s \leq d - 1$.
- (d) The decompositions of f , g and h into irreducible linear factors are of the form:

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{2k_j+m_j} \\ g = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s g_i \\ h = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s h_i \end{cases}$$

where $s + \sum_{j=1}^r k_j = d + 1$ and $\sum_{j=1}^r m_j = 2s - 2$. Moreover, we can choose the generators X and Y in such a way that $g_1, \dots, g_s, h_1, \dots, h_s$ are two by two relatively primes.

- (e) Considering the direction $(f_j = 0) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ as a point $p_j \in \mathbf{P}^1$, then

$$(3) \quad m_j = \text{mult}(\phi, p_j) - 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, r,$$

where $\text{mult}(\phi, p)$ denotes the ramification index of ϕ at $p \in \mathbf{P}^1$.

(f) The generators X and Y can be choosen as:

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} X = g \cdot [\sum_{j=1}^r (k_j + m_j) \frac{1}{f_j} (f_{jx} \partial_y - f_{jy} \partial_x) - \sum_{i=1}^s \frac{1}{g_i} (g_{ix} \partial_y - g_{iy} \partial_x)] \\ Y = h \cdot [\sum_{j=1}^r (k_j + m_j) \frac{1}{f_j} (f_{jx} \partial_y - f_{jy} \partial_x) - \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{1}{h_i} (h_{ix} \partial_y - h_{iy} \partial_x)] \end{cases}$$

Conversely, given a non-constant map $\phi: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ of degree $s \geq 1$ and a divisor D on $\mathbf{P}^1$ of the form

$$(5) \quad D = \sum_{p \in \mathbf{P}^1} (2k(p) + \text{mult}(\phi, p) - 1) \cdot [p],$$

where $k(p) \geq \min(1, \text{mult}(\phi, p) - 1)$ and $\sum_p k(p) < +\infty$, there exists an unique pencil $(Z_\lambda)_\lambda$ of homogeneous commuting vector fields of degree $d = \sum_p k(p) + s - 1$ with generators X and Y given by (4), and the f_j 's, g_i 's and h_i 's given in the following way: let $\{p_1 = [a_1 : b_1], \dots, p_r = [a_r : b_r]\} = \{p \in \mathbf{P}^1 \mid 2k(p) + \text{mult}(\phi, p) - 1 > 0\}$. Set $k_j = k(p_j)$, $m_j = \text{mult}(\phi, p_j) - 1$ and $f_j(x, y) = a_j y - b_j x$. Set $\phi[x : y] = G_1(x, y)/H_1(x, y)$, where G_1 and H_1 are homogeneous polynomials of degree s . Then the g_i 's and h_i 's are the linear factors of G_1 and H_1 , respectively.

Definition 1.2. — Let $X, Y, g = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s g_i$ and $h = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s h_i$ be as in theorem 1. We call $(f_j = 0)$, $j = 1, \dots, r$, the fixed directions of the pencil.

Given $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, the polynomial $g_\lambda = g + \lambda \cdot h$ plays the same role for the vector field $Z_\lambda = X + \lambda \cdot Y$ than g and h for X and Y . Its decomposition into irreducible factors is of the form

$$g_\lambda = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s g_{i,\lambda}.$$

Definition 1.3. — The directions given by $(g_{i,\lambda} = 0)$ are called the movable directions of the pencil.

In particular, the number s of movable directions coincides with the degree of the map $\phi = g/h: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$.

As an application of Theorem 1, we obtain the classification of the pencils of homogeneous commuting vector fields of degrees two and three.

Corollary 1. — Let $(Z_\lambda)_\lambda$ be a pencil of commuting homogeneous of degree two vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$. Then, after a linear change of variables on $\mathbb{C}^2$, the generators X and Y of the pencil can be written as:

- (a) $X = g \cdot R$ and $Y = h \cdot R$, where g and h are homogeneous polynomials of degree one and $R = x \cdot \partial_x + y \cdot \partial_y$.
- (b) $X = x^2 \partial_x$ and $Y = y^2 \partial_y$. In this case, the pencil has two fixed directions.
- (c) $X = y^2 \partial_x$ and $Y = 2xy \partial_x + y^2 \partial_y$. In this case, the pencil has one fixed direction.

Corollary 2. — Let $(Z_\lambda)_\lambda$ be a pencil of commuting homogeneous of degree three vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$. Then, after a linear change of variables on $\mathbb{C}^2$, the generators X and Y of the pencil can be written as:

- (a) $X = g.R$ and $Y = h.R$, where g and h are homogeneous polynomials of degree two and $R = x.\partial_x + y.\partial_y$.
- (b) $X = y^3\partial_x$ and $Y = 3xy^2\partial_x + y^3\partial_y$. In this case, the pencil has one movable and one fixed direction.
- (c) $X = x^2y\partial_x$ and $Y = xy^2\partial_x - y^3\partial_y$. In this case, the pencil has one movable and two fixed directions.
- (d) $X = (2x^2y + x^3)\partial_x - x^2y\partial_y$ and $Y = -xy^2\partial_x + (2xy^2 + y^3)\partial_y$. In this case, the pencil has one movable and three fixed directions.
- (e) $X = x^3\partial_x$ and $Y = y^3\partial_y$. In this case, the pencil has two movable and two fixed directions.

Some of the preliminary results that we will use in the proof of Theorem 1 are also valid for quasi-homogeneous vector fields.

Definition 1.4. — Let S be a linear diagonalizable vector field on $\mathbb{C}^n$ such that all eigenvalues of S are relatively primes natural numbers. We say that a holomorphic vector field $X \neq 0$ is quasi-homogeneous with respect to S if $[S, X] = mX$, $m \in \mathbb{C}$.

It is not difficult to prove that, in this case, we have the following:

- (I) $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.
- (II) X is a polynomial vector field.

Our next result concerns two commuting vector fields which are quasi-homogeneous with respect to the same linear vector field S . Let X and Y be two commuting vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$, quasi-homogeneous with respect to the same vector field S with eigenvalues $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ (relatively primes), where $[S, X] = mX$ and $[S, Y] = nY$. Since S is diagonalizable, after a linear change of variables, we can assume that $S = px\partial_x + qy\partial_y$. Set $X \wedge Y = f\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, $S \wedge X = g\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$ and $S \wedge Y = h\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$. We will always assume that $X, Y \neq 0$.

Remark 1.1. — We would like to observe that f, g and h are quasi-homogeneous with respect to S , that is, we have $S(f) = (m + n + \text{tr}(S))f$, $S(g) = (m + \text{tr}(S))g$ and $S(h) = (n + \text{tr}(S))h$, where $\text{tr}(S) = p + q$. It is known that in this case, any irreducible factor of f, g or h , is the equation of an orbit of S , that is, x, y or a polynomial of the form $y^p - cx^q$, where $c \neq 0$.

Theorem 2. — In the above situation, suppose that $f, h \neq 0$ and $n \neq 0$. Then:

- (a) $g \neq 0$ and f/g is a non-constant meromorphic first integral of X .
- (b) Suppose that $m, n \neq 0$. Then f, g and h satisfy the two equivalent relations below:

$$(6) \quad mn f^2 dx \wedge dy = f dg \wedge dh + g dh \wedge df + h df \wedge dg$$

$$(7) \quad (m - n) \frac{df}{f} + n \frac{dh}{h} - m \frac{dg}{g} = \frac{mnf}{gh} (qy dx - px dy)$$

- (c) Suppose that $m, n \neq 0$. Then any irreducible factor of f divides g and h . Conversely, if $p = \gcd(g, h)$ then any irreducible factor of the p divides f . Moreover, the decompositions of f , g and h into irreducible factors, are of the form

$$(8) \quad \begin{cases} f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{\ell_j} \\ g = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{m_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s g_i^{a_i} \\ h = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{n_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^t h_i^{b_i} \end{cases}$$

where $r > 0$, $m_j, n_j > 0$, $\ell_j \geq m_j + n_j - 1$, for all j , and any two polynomials in the set $\{f_1, \dots, f_r, g_1, \dots, g_s, h_1, \dots, h_t\}$ are relatively primes.

- (d) Suppose that f , g and h are as in (8). Then vector fields X and Y can be written as

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} X = \frac{1}{n} g \cdot [\sum_{j=1}^r (\ell_j - m_j) \frac{1}{f_j} (f_{jx} \partial_y - f_{jy} \partial_x) - \sum_{i=1}^s a_i \frac{1}{g_i} (g_{ix} \partial_y - g_{iy} \partial_x)] \\ Y = \frac{1}{m} h \cdot [\sum_{j=1}^r (\ell_j - n_j) \frac{1}{f_j} (f_{jx} \partial_y - f_{jy} \partial_x) - \sum_{i=1}^t b_i \frac{1}{h_i} (h_{ix} \partial_y - h_{iy} \partial_x)] \end{cases}$$

As an application, we have the following result:

Corollary 3. — Let X and Y be germs of holomorphic commuting vector fields at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$. Let

$$X = \sum_{j=d}^{\infty} X_j$$

be the Taylor series of X at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$, where X_j is homogeneous of degree $j \geq d$. Assume that $d \geq 2$ and that the vector field X_d has no meromorphic first integral and that 0 is an isolated singularity of X_d . Then $Y = \lambda X$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

We would like to recall a well-known criterion for a homogeneous vector field of degree d on $\mathbb{C}^2$, say X_d , to have a meromorphic first integral (see [1]). Since the radial vector field $R = x \partial_x + y \partial_y$ has the meromorphic first integral y/x , we can assume that $R \wedge X_d = g \partial_x \wedge \partial_y \neq 0$. Let $\omega = i_{X_d}(dx \wedge dy)$, where i denotes the interior product. Then the form $\omega_1 = \omega/g$ is closed. In this case, if $g = \prod_{j=1}^r g_j^{k_j}$ is the decomposition of g into linear irreducible factors, then we have

$$\omega_1 = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j \frac{dg_j}{g_j} + d(h/g_1^{k_1-1} \dots g_r^{k_r-1}),$$

where $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$, for all $1 \leq j \leq r$ and h is homogeneous of degree $d + 1 - r = dg(X_d) + 1 - r = dg(g/g_1 \dots g_r)$. In this case, X_d has a meromorphic first integral if, and only if, either $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_r = 0$, or $\lambda_j \neq 0$ for some $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, $h \equiv 0$ and $[\lambda_1 : \dots : \lambda_r] = [m_1 : \dots : m_r]$, where $m_1, \dots, m_r \in \mathbb{Z}$. In particular, we obtain that the set of homogeneous vector fields of degree $d \geq 1$ with a meromorphic first integral is a countable union of Zariski closed sets.

Let us state some natural problems related to the above results.

Problem 1. — Classify the pencils of commuting homogeneous vector fields of degree $d \geq 2$ on $\mathbb{C}^n$, $n \geq 3$.

Problem 1 seems difficult even in dimension three.

Problem 2. — Let $\mathcal{X}_2$ be the set of germs at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ of holomorphic vector fields. Given $X \in \mathcal{X}_2$, $X \neq 0$, to determine the set

$$C(X) = \{Y \mid [X, Y] = 0\}.$$

Under which conditions is $C(X)$ of finite dimension?

Problem 3. — Classify all pairs of commuting polynomial vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$.

Observe that problem 3 has the following relation with the so called Jacobian conjecture: let f and g be two polynomials on $\mathbb{C}^2$ such that $f_x \cdot g_y - f_y \cdot g_x \equiv 1$. Then their hamiltonians $X = f_y \partial_x - f_x \partial_y$ and $Y = g_y \partial_x - g_x \partial_y$ commute. By this reason, problem 3 seems very difficult.

2. Preliminary results

In this section we prove some general results that will be used in the next sections. Let S , X and Y be holomorphic vector fields defined in some domain U of $\mathbb{C}^2$. Assume that:

- (I) $[S, X] = m \cdot X$, $[S, Y] = n \cdot Y$ and $[X, Y] = 0$, where $m, n \in \mathbb{C}$.
- (II) $X \wedge Y = f \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, $S \wedge X = g \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$ and $S \wedge Y = h \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, where $f, g, h \neq 0$.

We consider also the holomorphic 1-forms $\omega = i_X(dx \wedge dy)$ and $\eta = i_Y(dx \wedge dy)$, where i denotes the interior product.

Lemma 2.1. — In the above situation we have:

- (a) The meromorphic functions f/g and f/h are first integrals of X and Y , respectively. Moreover, f/g (resp. f/h) is constant if, and only if, $n = 0$ (resp. $m = 0$).
- (b) If $n \neq 0$ (resp. $m \neq 0$) then

$$(10) \quad \omega = \frac{g}{n} \left[\frac{dg}{g} - \frac{df}{f} \right] \quad (\text{resp. } \eta = \frac{h}{m} \left[\frac{dh}{h} - \frac{df}{f} \right]).$$

- (c) The polynomials f , g and h satisfy the relation:

$$(11) \quad mn f^2 dx \wedge dy = f dg \wedge dh + g dh \wedge df + h df \wedge dg.$$

Proof. — Let us prove (a). Assume that $n \neq 0$. First of all, note that

$$L_X(S \wedge X) = [X, S] \wedge X + S \wedge [X, X] = -m \cdot X \wedge X = 0$$

and similarly $L_X(X \wedge Y) = 0$, where L denotes the Lie derivative. Since $X \wedge Y = (f/g) \cdot S \wedge Y$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= L_X(X \wedge Y) = L_X((f/g) \cdot S \wedge X) \\ &= X(f/g) \cdot S \wedge X + (f/g) \cdot L_X(S \wedge X) = X(f/g) \cdot S \wedge X \implies \\ &\implies X(f/g) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, f/g is a first integral of X . It remains to prove that f/g is a constant if, and only if $n = 0$. Since $L_S(X \wedge Y) = (m+n)X \wedge Y$ and $L_S(S \wedge X) = mS \wedge X$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (m+n)X \wedge Y &= L_S((f/g).S \wedge X) \\ &= S(f/g).S \wedge X + (f/g).L_S(S \wedge X) \\ &= (S(f/g) + m.(f/g))S \wedge X \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $S(f/g) = n.(f/g)$. Hence, if f/g is a constant then $n = 0$.

Conversely, if $n = 0$ then $S(f/g) = 0$ and f/g is a first integral of S and X simultaneously. If f/g was not constant then the vector fields X and S would be colinear in the non-empty open subset of U defined by $d(f/g) \neq 0$. This would imply that $S \wedge X \equiv 0$, and so $g \equiv 0$, a contradiction. Therefore, f/g is a constant.

Now, let $\omega = i_X(dx \wedge dy)$ and suppose that $n \neq 0$. Since f/g is a non-constant first integral of X , we get $\omega \wedge d(f/g) = 0$, which implies that

$$\omega = k \left(\frac{dg}{g} - \frac{df}{f} \right),$$

where k is meromorphic on U . On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g &= -i_S(i_X(dx \wedge dy)) = -i_S(\omega) \\ &= k \left(\frac{S(f)}{f} - \frac{S(g)}{g} \right) = k \frac{S(f/g)}{f/g} = n.k \implies k = g/n. \end{aligned}$$

This proves (10).

Let us prove (c). Note first that $\omega \wedge \eta = f.dx \wedge dy$. We leave the proof of this fact to the reader. If $n = 0$ (or $m = 0$) then (11) follows from $f/g = c \neq 0$ (or $f/h = c \neq 0$), where c is a constant. We leave the proof to the reader in this case. On the other hand, if $m, n \neq 0$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f.dx \wedge dy &= \omega \wedge \eta \\ &= \frac{g}{n} \left[\frac{dg}{g} - \frac{df}{f} \right] \wedge \frac{h}{m} \left[\frac{dh}{h} - \frac{df}{f} \right] = \frac{g.h}{m.n} \left[\frac{dh \wedge df}{h.f} + \frac{df \wedge dg}{f.g} + \frac{dg \wedge dh}{g.h} \right], \end{aligned}$$

which implies (11). $\square$

In the next result we prove a kind of converse of (11).

Lemma 2.2. — *Let f , g and h be holomorphic functions on a domain $U \subset \mathbb{C}^2$. Suppose that f/g and f/h are non-constant meromorphic functions on U . Define meromorphic vector fields X and Y by $i_X(dx \wedge dy) = g[\frac{dg}{g} - \frac{df}{f}]$ and $i_Y(dx \wedge dy) = h[\frac{dh}{h} - \frac{df}{f}]$. Suppose that*

$$f dg \wedge dh + g dh \wedge df + h df \wedge dg = \lambda f^2 dx \wedge dy,$$

where $\lambda \neq 0$. Then $[X, Y] = 0$.

Proof. — The idea is to prove that $d(f/g) \wedge d(f/h) \neq 0$ and $[X, Y](f/g) = [X, Y](f/h) = 0$. This will imply that f/g and f/h are two independent meromorphic first integrals of $[X, Y]$, and so $[X, Y] = 0$. $\square$

Proof of $d(f/g) \wedge d(f/h) \neq 0$. — Note that

$$d(f/g) \wedge d(f/h) = \frac{f}{g^2 h^2} [f dg \wedge dh + h df \wedge dg + g dh \wedge df] = \lambda \cdot \frac{f^3}{g^2 h^2} dx \wedge dy \neq 0 \implies \\ \implies d(f/g) \wedge d(f/h) \neq 0. \quad \square$$

Proof of $[X, Y] = 0$. — We have

$$[X, Y](f/g) = X(Y(f/g)) - Y(X(f/g)) = X(Y(f/g)),$$

because $X(f/g) = 0$. On the other hand, a straightforward computation shows that

$$(12) \quad Y(f/g) dx \wedge dy = d(f/g) \wedge \eta,$$

where $\eta = i_Y(dx \wedge dy)$. Since $\eta = h[\frac{dh}{h} - \frac{df}{f}] = -\frac{h^2}{f} d(f/h)$, we get from (12) that

$$d(f/g) \wedge \eta = -\frac{h^2}{f} d(f/g) \wedge d(f/h) = -\frac{\lambda f^2}{g^2} dx \wedge dy \implies Y(f/g) = -\lambda (f/g)^2 \implies \\ \implies X(Y(f/g)) = 0. \text{ In a similar way, we get } [X, Y](f/h) = 0. \quad \square$$

3. Proofs

Proof of Theorem 2. — Assume that $n \neq 0$, $f, h \neq 0$ and $g \equiv 0$. Since S has an isolated singularity at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ and $S \wedge X = g \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y = 0$, we get $X = \psi \cdot S$, where $\psi \neq 0$ is a polynomial. It follows that

$$0 = [Y, X] = [Y, \psi \cdot S] = Y(\psi) \cdot S - \psi \cdot [S, Y] = Y(\psi) \cdot S - n \cdot \psi \cdot Y \implies Y(\psi) \neq 0$$

and $S \wedge Y = 0$, which implies $h \equiv 0$, a contradiction. Hence, $g \neq 0$. It follows from lemma 2.1 that f/g is a non-constant meromorphic first integral of X . This proves (a) of theorem 2.

Lemma 2.1 implies also that f, g and h satisfy relation (6). Let us prove that (6) is equivalent to (7). We will use the following fact: let μ be a 2-form in $\mathbb{C}^2$ such that $L_S(\mu) = \lambda \cdot \mu$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

$$(13) \quad d(i_S(\mu)) = L_S(\mu) = \lambda \cdot \mu$$

Set $\mu = f dg \wedge dh + g dh \wedge df + h df \wedge dg$ and $\mu_1 = mn f^2 dx \wedge dy$. We have seen in remark 1.1 that $S(f) = (m + n + tr(S)) \cdot f$, $S(g) = (m + tr(S)) \cdot g$ and $S(h) = (n + tr(S)) \cdot h$. As the reader can check, this implies that $L_S(\mu) = \lambda \cdot \mu$ and $L_S(\mu_1) = \lambda \cdot \mu_1$, where $\lambda = 2m + 2n + 3tr(S) \neq 0$.

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{cases} i_S(\mu_1) = mn f^2 (px dy - qy dx) \\ i_S(\mu) = -n fg dh + m fh dg + (n - m) gh df \end{cases}$$

as the reader can check. If we assume (6), we have $\mu_1 = \mu$, so that $i_S(\mu) = i_S(\mu_1)$ and

$$mn f^2(px dy - qy dx) = -n fg dh + m fh dg + (n - m) gh df \implies (7) .$$

If we assume (7), then we have

$$(7) \implies i_S(\mu_1 - \mu) = 0 \xrightarrow{(13)} \lambda(\mu_1 - \mu) = d(i_S(\mu_1 - \mu)) = 0 \implies (6) .$$

This proves (b) of theorem 2.

Let us prove (c). We will use (7) in the form

$$(14) \quad (m - n) g.h df + n f.g dh - m f.h dg = mn f^2 (qy dx - px dy) .$$

It follows from (14) that, if k is an irreducible factor of both polynomials g and h , then k divides f^2 , and so it divides f .

Let us prove that any factor of f is a factor of both polynomials g and h . Here we use that f/g is a first integral of X . This implies that

$$(15) \quad f.X(g) = g.X(f) .$$

Recall that any irreducible factor of f or g is the equation of an orbit of S (remark 1.1). Let $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{\ell_j}$ ($r, \ell_j > 0$), be the decomposition of f into irreducible factors and set $F = \prod_j f_j$. It follows from (15) that

$$(16) \quad F.X(g) = F \frac{X(f)}{f} g = g.k, \text{ where } k = F \frac{X(f)}{f} = \sum_{j=1}^r \ell_j . f_1 \cdots f_{j-1} . X(f_j) . f_{j+1} \cdots f_r .$$

On the other hand, (16) implies that for any $j = 1, \dots, r$, f_j divides g or $X(f_j)$. If f_j divides g , we are done. If f_j divides $X(f_j)$ then $(f_j = 0)$ is invariant for X . Since $(f_j = 0)$ is also invariant for S , it is a common orbit of X and S . This implies that f_j divides $S \wedge X$, and so it divides g . Similarly, any irreducible factor of f divides h .

Now, we can assume that the decompositions of f , g and h into irreducible factors are as in (8):

$$\begin{cases} f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{\ell_j} \\ g = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{m_j} . \prod_{i=1}^s g_i^{a_i} \\ h = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{n_j} . \prod_{i=1}^t h_i^{b_i} \end{cases}$$

where $\ell_j, m_j, n_j > 0$ and any two polynomials in the set

$$\{f_1, \dots, f_r, g_1, \dots, g_s, h_1, \dots, h_t\}$$

are relatively primes. Let us prove that $\ell_j \geq m_j + n_j - 1$. As the reader can check, it follows from (14) that $f_j^{m_j+n_j+\ell_j-1}$ divides f^2 . This implies that $m_j+n_j+\ell_j-1 \leq 2\ell_j$, and we are done.

It remains to prove (d). Let $\omega = i_X(dx \wedge dy)$. We have seen in lemma 2.1 that

$$\omega = \frac{g}{n} \left[\frac{dg}{g} - \frac{df}{f} \right] = \frac{g}{n} \left[\sum_{i=1}^s a_i \frac{dg_i}{g_i} - \sum_{j=1}^r (\ell_j - m_j) \frac{df_j}{f_j} \right]$$

As the reader can check, this implies that X is like in (9). Similarly, Y is also as in (9). $\square$

Proof of Corollary 3. — Let $X = \sum_{j=d}^{\infty} X_j$ and $Y \neq 0$ be germs of holomorphic vector fields at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ such that $[X, Y] = 0$. Assume that $d \geq 2$ and X_d has an isolated singularity at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ and no meromorphic first integral. Set $Y = \sum_{i=r}^{\infty} Y_i$, where Y_j is homogeneous of degree j , $r \geq 0$, and $Y_r \neq 0$. We have $[R, X_d] = mX_d$, $[R, Y_r] = nY_r$, where $m = d - 1 \neq 0$ and $n = r - 1$. Note also that $[X_d, Y_r] = 0$.

Claim 3.1. — *We have $r = d$ and $Y_d = \lambda X_d$, where $\lambda \neq 0$.*

Proof. — As before, set $X_d \wedge Y_r = f \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, $R \wedge X_d = g \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$ and $R \wedge Y_r = h \cdot \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$. Observe that $g \neq 0$. Indeed, if $g \equiv 0$ then $R \wedge X_d = 0$. Since 0 is an isolated singularity of R , it follows from De Rham's division theorem (cf. [4]) that $X_d = \phi \cdot R$, where ϕ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $d - 1 > 0$. But, this implies that $\text{sing}(X_d) \supset (\phi = 0)$, and so 0 is not an isolated singularity of X_d .

Suppose by contradiction that $r \neq d$. Let us prove that in this case we have $f, h \neq 0$. Suppose by contradiction that $f \equiv 0$. This implies that $X_d \wedge Y_r \equiv 0$. Since X_d has an isolated singularity at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$, it follows from De Rham's division theorem that $Y_r = \phi \cdot X_d$, where ϕ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $r - d > 0$. Therefore,

$$0 = [X_d, Y_r] = [X_d, \phi \cdot X_d] = X_d(\phi) \cdot X_d \implies X_d(\phi) = 0 \implies$$

that ϕ is a non-constant first integral of X_d , a contradiction. Hence, $f \neq 0$. Suppose by contradiction that $h \equiv 0$. This implies that $R \wedge Y_r \equiv 0$, so that $Y_r = \phi \cdot R$, where $\phi \neq 0$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $k = r - 1$. From this we get

$$0 = [X_d, Y_r] = [X_d, \phi \cdot R] = X_d(\phi) \cdot R + \phi \cdot [X_d, R] = X_d(\phi) \cdot R - (d - 1) \cdot \phi \cdot X_d \implies \\ X_d(\phi) \cdot R = (d - 1) \cdot \phi \cdot X_d.$$

If $\phi \neq 0$ is a constant then $d = 1$, a contradiction. If ϕ is not a constant then $X_d(\phi) \neq 0$, for otherwise ϕ would be a non-constant first integral of X_d . In this case, we get $R \wedge X_d = 0$, and so $g \equiv 0$, a contradiction. Hence, $f, g, h \neq 0$. Now, we can apply (a) of lemma 2.1.

If $r \neq 1$ then $n = r - 1 \neq 0$ and f/g is a non-constant meromorphic first integral of X_d , a contradiction. If $r = 1$ then $n = 0$ and (a) of lemma 2.1 implies that $f = c \cdot g$, where $c \in \mathbb{C}$. Therefore,

$$0 = (f - cg) \partial_x \wedge \partial_y = X_d \wedge (Y_1 + c \cdot R) \implies Y_1 = -c \cdot R \neq 0,$$

by the division theorem and the fact that $d = dg(X_d) > 1$. But, this implies that $0 = [X_d, Y_1] = c(d - 1) \cdot X_d \neq 0$, a contradiction. Hence, $r = d$.

Now, $r = d$ implies that $n = m = d - 1 > 0$ and $f \equiv 0$, for otherwise, f/g would be a non-constant meromorphic first integral of X_d . It follows that $X_d \wedge Y_d = 0$, and so $Y_d = \lambda \cdot X_d$, where $\lambda \neq 0$ is a constant. This proves the claim. $\square$

Let us finish the proof of corollary 3. Let $Z = Y - \lambda.X$. Then $[X, Z] = 0$. If $Z \neq 0$, then we could write $Z = \sum_{j=r}^{\infty} Z_j$, where $r > d$, Z_j is homogeneous of degree j and $Z_r \neq 0$. But, this contradicts claim 3.1 and proves the corollary. $\square$

Proof of Theorem 1. — Let $(Z_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1}$ be a non-trivial pencil of homogeneous of degree $d \geq 2$ commuting vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$. Fix two generators of the pencil, X and Y , and set as before $X \wedge Y = f.\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, $R \wedge X = g.\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$ and $R \wedge Y = h.\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$.

Suppose first that the pencil is colinear, that is, $f \equiv 0$. In this case, we can write $X = \alpha.Z$, where α is the greatest common divisor of the components of X and Z has an isolated singularity at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$. Since $Y \wedge X = 0$, we get $Y \wedge Z = 0$, and so $Y = \beta.Z$, where β is a homogeneous polynomial with $dg(\beta) = dg(\alpha)$, by De Rham's division theorem. Now,

$$0 = [X, Y] = [\alpha.Z, \beta.Z] = (\alpha Z(\beta) - \beta Z(\alpha)).Z \implies Z(\beta/\alpha) = 0.$$

Since the pencil is non-trivial, β/α is non-constant. On the other hand, we can write $\frac{\beta(x,y)}{\alpha(x,y)} = \phi(y/x)$, where $\phi(t) = \frac{\beta(1,t)}{\alpha(1,t)}$, because α and β are homogeneous of the same degree. Therefore,

$$0 = Z(\phi(y/x)) = \phi'(y/x).Z(y/x) \implies Z(y/x) = 0,$$

because $\phi' \neq 0$. This implies that $yZ(x) = xZ(y)$. If we set $Z = A\partial_x + B\partial_y$, then we get $yA = xB$, and so $A = \lambda.x$ and $B = \lambda.y$, where λ is a homogeneous polynomial. Since 0 is an isolated singularity of Z , it follows that λ is a constant. Hence, $X = \alpha_1.R$ and $Y = \beta_1.R$, where $\alpha_1 = \lambda.\alpha$ and $\beta_1 = \lambda.\beta$ are homogeneous polynomials of degree $d - 1$. This proves the first part of theorem 1.

Suppose now that the pencil is non-colinear. In this case, we have $f \neq 0$. Let us prove that $g, h \neq 0$. If $g \equiv 0$, for instance, then $X = \phi.R$, where $\phi \neq 0$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $m = n = d - 1 > 0$, by the division theorem. Therefore,

$$0 = [Y, \phi.R] = Y(\phi).R - m.\phi.Y.$$

Since $m.\phi.Y \neq 0$, the above relation implies that Y and R are colinear. Hence, X/Y , a contradiction. This proves (a) of theorem 1.

Since $m = n \neq 0$, it follows from (a) of theorem 2 that f/g and f/h are non-constant meromorphic first integrals of X and Y , respectively, which proves (b) of theorem 1. Recall that f, g and h are homogeneous polynomials, where $dg(f) = 2d$, $dg(g) = dg(h) = d + 1$.

It follows from (c) of theorem 2 that we can write the decomposition of f, g and h into irreducible linear factors as $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{\ell_j}$, $g = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{m_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^a g_i^{a_i}$ and $h = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{n_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^b h_i^{b_i}$, where $r > 0$, $m_j, n_j > 0$, $\ell_j \geq m_j + n_j - 1$ and any two polynomials of the set $\{f_1, \dots, f_r, g_1, \dots, g_a, h_1, \dots, h_b\}$ are relatively primes. Set $k_j = \min(m_j, n_j)$.

Claim 3.2. — *The generators of the pencil can be chosen in such a way that:*

- (a) $m_j = n_j = k_j$ for all $j = 1, \dots, r$.

(b) $a = b$ and $a_i = b_i = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, a$.

Proof. — Set $X_\lambda = X + \lambda.Y$ and $R \wedge X_\lambda = g_\lambda.\partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, where $g_\lambda = g + \lambda.h$. It follows from Bertini's theorem that for a generic set of $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ the decomposition of g_λ into linear irreducible factors is of the form:

$$(17) \quad g_\lambda = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^s g_{i\lambda} ,$$

where $s + \sum_j k_j = d + 1$ and any two polynomials in the set $\{f_1, \dots, f_r, g_{1\lambda}, \dots, g_{s\lambda}\}$ are relatively primes. Now, it is sufficient to take $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that g_{λ_1} and g_{λ_2} are as in (17). Set $X_1 = X_{\lambda_1}$, $Y_1 = X_{\lambda_2}$, $g = g_{\lambda_1}$ and $h = g_{\lambda_2}$. Then X_1 and Y_1 are generators of the pencil with the properties required in claim 3.2. $\square$

From now on, we will suppose that the generators X and Y of the pencil satisfy claim 3.2. Let us prove that the decomposition of f into irreducible linear factors is of the form

$$(18) \quad f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{2k_j + m_j} , \text{ where } m_j \geq 0.$$

Since $m = n = d - 1 > 0$, relation (14) implies that

$$g dh - h dg = m f(y dx - x dy) , \quad m \neq 0.$$

Set $g = \psi.G_1$ and $h = \psi.H_1$, where $\psi = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{k_j}$. As the reader can check, we have

$$g dh - h dg = \psi^2.(G_1 dH_1 - H_1 dG_1) = m f(y dx - x dy) \implies \psi^2 \mid f .$$

Hence, the decomposition of f is like in (18) and we get

$$G_1 dH_1 - H_1 dG_1 = m \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{m_j}(y dx - x dy) .$$

Now, consider the map $\phi: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ given by

$$\phi[x : y] = \frac{g(x, y)}{h(x, y)} = \frac{G_1(x, y)}{H_1(x, y)} .$$

Since G_1 and H_1 are relatively primes, the degree of ϕ is $s = dg(G_1) = dg(H_1)$. Let $\{p_1, \dots, p_t\} \subset \mathbf{P}^1$ be the critical set of ϕ and $\phi(p_j) = c_j \in \mathbf{P}^1$. If $c_j \neq \infty$ set $K_j = G_1 - c_j.H_1$, and if $c_j = \infty$ set $K_j = H_1$. Suppose that p_j is a critical point with $\text{mult}(\phi, p_j) = \ell_j \geq 2$. This implies that we can write $K_j = \psi_j^{\ell_j}.A$, where ψ_j is a linear polynomial, A a homogeneous polynomial and ψ_j does not divide A . We claim that $\psi_j^{\ell_j-1} \mid \prod_i f_i^{m_i}$. Indeed, if $c_j \neq \infty$, we get

$$(19) \quad K_j dH_1 - H_1 dK_j = G_1 dH_1 - H_1 dG_1 = m \prod_{i=1}^r f_i^{m_i}(y dx - x dy) .$$

Since $\psi_j^{\ell_j-1}$ divides $K_j dH_1 - H_1 dK_j$, relation (19) implies the claim. If $c_j = \infty$ then $\psi_j^{\ell_j-1}$ divides $G_1 dH_1 - H_1 dG_1$ and we get also the claim. Therefore, $\psi_j = \lambda_j.f_{i(j)}$, $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}^*$, for some $i(j) \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ and $\ell_j - 1 \leq m_{i(j)}$. In particular, we get $t \leq r$. By reordering the $f_{i'}$ s, if necessary, we can suppose without lost of generality that $i(j) = j$, $j = 1, \dots, t$. Set $\ell_j = 1$ for $t < j \leq r$. With these conventions, we have $m_j - (\ell_j - 1) \geq 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, r$.

Let us prove that $m_j = \ell_j - 1$ for all $j = 1, \dots, r$. Recall that $s + \sum_i k_i = d + 1$. Since $f = \prod_i f_i^{2k_i + m_i}$ and $dg(f) = 2d$, we get

$$\sum_i m_i = dg(\prod_i f_i^{m_i}) = 2d - 2 \sum_i k_i = 2d - 2(d + 1 - s) = 2s - 2.$$

On the other hand, it follows from Riemann-Hurwitz formula (cf. [2]) and $m_i - (\ell_i - 1) \geq 0$ that

$$\sum_i (\ell_i - 1) = 2s - 2 = \sum_i m_i \implies 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m [m_i - (\ell_i - 1)] = 0 \implies m_i = \ell_i - 1, \forall i.$$

This proves (d) and (e) of theorem 1. Note that (f) follows from (d) of theorem 2.

Let us prove that $1 \leq s \leq d - 1$ and $1 \leq r \leq d$. First of all note that

$$k_j \geq 1 \implies 2r \leq \sum_{j=1}^r (2k_j + m_j) = 2d \implies 1 \leq r \leq d.$$

Moreover,

$$s = d + 1 - \sum_{j=1}^r k_j \implies s \leq d + 1 - r \leq d \implies 0 \leq s \leq d.$$

Suppose by contradiction that $s = 0$. This implies that the map ϕ is constant, and so $g = \lambda.h$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$. It follows that

$$R \wedge (X - \lambda.Y) = 0 \implies X - \lambda.Y = \psi.R,$$

where ψ is homogeneous of degree $d - 1$. Therefore, the first part of theorem implies that X and Y are colinear with the radial vector field, a contradiction. Hence, $s \geq 1$. It remains to prove that $s \leq d - 1$. Suppose by contradiction that $s = d$. In this case, we get $g = f_1.g_1 \cdots g_d$, $h = f_1.h_1 \cdots h_d$ and $f = f_1^{2d}$. It follows that the map $\phi = (g_1 \cdots g_d)/(h_1 \cdots h_d)$ has degree $d \geq 2$ and just one ramification point, $(f_1 = 0)$, with multiplicity $2d - 1$. However, this is not possible, because this would imply that

$$\text{mult}(\phi, (f_1 = 0)) = 2d - 1 > d.$$

It remains to prove that in the converse construction the vector fields X and Y defined by (9) in theorem 1 commute. But, this is a consequence of lemma 2.2 and the fact that f , g and h satisfy (b) of Theorem 2. This finishes the proof of Theorem 1. $\square$

Proof of Corollary 1. — Let X_1 and Y_1 be generators of a pencil of commuting of degree two homogeneous vector fields on $\mathbb{C}^2$. As before, define f_1 , g_1 and h_1 by $X_1 \wedge Y_1 = f_1 \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, $R \wedge X_1 = g_1 \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$ and $R \wedge Y_1 = h_1 \partial_x \wedge \partial_y$, respectively. If $g_1 \equiv h_1 \equiv 0$ then X_1 and Y_1 are multiple of the radial vector field, and so we are in case (a) of corollary 1. If not, then $f_1, g_1, h_1 \not\equiv 0$, by (a) of theorem 1. Moreover, the rational map $\phi = g_1/h_1$ has degree $s = 1$, by (c) of theorem 1. Therefore, the pencil has one movable direction and one or two fixed directions, because g_1 has degree $d + 1 = 3$.

Suppose that it has two fixed directions. In this case, we can suppose that they are $(x = 0)$ and $(y = 0)$. This implies that $g_1 = x.y.g_2$, $h_1 = x.y.h_2$ and $f_1 = x^2.y^2$, where g_2 and h_2 correspond to the movable direction. Since g_2 and h_2 are relatively primes, there exist $(a, b), (c, d)$ such that $a.g_2 + b.h_2 = x$ and $c.g_2 + d.h_2 = y$. If we set $g := x^2.y = x.y(a.g_2 + b.h_2)$ and $h := x.y^2 = x.y(c.g_2 + d.h_2)$, then we can apply lemma 2.2 to $f = x^2.y^2$, g and h . We get the first integrals $f/g = (x^2.y^2)/(x^2.y) = y$, $f/h = (x^2.y^2)/(x.y^2) = x$, the forms $\omega := g \frac{d(f/g)}{f/g} = x^2 dy$, $\eta := h \frac{d(f/h)}{f/h} = y^2 dx$, and the vector fields $X = x^2 \partial_x$, $Y = y^2 \partial_y$. So, we are in case (b) of corollary 1.

Suppose that it has one fixed direction. We can suppose that it is $(y = 0)$. In this case, we have $g_1 = y^2.g_2$, $h_1 = y^2.h_2$ and $f = y^4$. Consider linear combinations $a.g_2 + b.h_2 = x$ and $c.g_2 + d.h_2 = y$. So, we have just to apply lemma 2.2 to the polynomials $f = y^4$, $g = x.y^2$ and $h = y^3$. By doing this, we obtain case (c) of corollary 1, as the reader can check. $\square$

Proof of Corollary 2. — Let f, g and h be as in theorem 1. If $g \equiv h \equiv 0$ then we are in case (a) of corollary 2. If not, then $f, g, h \not\equiv 0$ and $\phi = g/h$ has degree s , where $s \in \{1, 2\}$.

Let us consider the case where $s = 2$. Let $\phi: \mathbf{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$ be a map of degree two. It follows from Riemann-Hurwitz formula that $\sum_p (\text{mult}(\phi, p) - 1) = 2s - 2 = 2$, and so the map must have two ramification points, both of multiplicity two. After composing the map in both sides with Möbius transformations, we can suppose that $\phi[x : y] = y^2/x^2$. This implies that $(x = 0)$ and $(y = 0)$ are fixed directions of the pencil, so that $x.y$ divides g and h . Since $dg(g) = dg(h) = 4$ and $s = 2$, we get $g = x.y.g_1.g_2$ and $h = x.y.h_1.h_2$, and so $k_1 = k_2 = 1$ in (2) of theorem 1. Since $dg(f) = 6$ and $\text{mult}(\phi, (x = 0)) = \text{mult}(\phi, (y = 0)) = 2$, we must have $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ and $f = x^3.y^3$. In this case, we have

$$\phi = \frac{g}{h} = \frac{(g/x.y)}{(h/x.y)} = \frac{y^2}{x^2} \implies g = x.y^3 \text{ and } h = x^3.y.$$

So, when we apply lemma 2.2, we get $f/g = x^2$, $f/h = y^2$, $\omega = 2y^3 dx$ and $\eta = 2x^3 dy$. Hence, we can set $X = x^3 \partial_x$ and $Y = y^3 \partial_y$. In this case we get case (e) of corollary 2.

Suppose now that $s = 1$. In this case, we have just one movable direction and the map ϕ has no ramification points, which implies that $m_j = 0$ for all $j = 1, \dots, r$. This implies that $f = \prod_{j=1}^r f_j^{2k_j}$. Since $dg(f) = 6$, we have three possibilities: (1). $r = 1$ and $k_1 = 3$. (2). $r = 2$, $k_1 = 1$ and $k_2 = 2$. (3). $r = 3$ and $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 1$.

CASE (1). In this case, we have just one fixed direction f_1 . After a linear change of variables in $\mathbb{C}^2$, we can suppose that it is $f_1 = y$. This implies that $f = y^6$, $g = y^3.g_1$ and $h = y^3.h_1$. Since g_1 and h_1 are relatively primes, there exist $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $a.d - b.c \neq 0$ and $a.g_1 + b.h_1 = x$ and $c.g_1 + d.h_1 = y$. Therefore, we can apply the construction of lemma 2.2 to $f = y^6$, $g = y^4$ and $h = x.y^3$. This gives the first

integrals $f/g = y^2$ and $f/h = y^3/x$. Moreover,

$$\begin{cases} \omega = i_X(dx \wedge dy) = 2y^4 \frac{dy}{y} = 2y^3 dy \implies X = 2y^3 \partial_x \\ \eta = i_Y(dx \wedge dy) = x.y^3 \left(3 \frac{dy}{y} - \frac{dx}{x}\right) = 3xy^2 dy - y^3 dx \implies Y = 3xy^2 \partial_x + y^3 \partial_y. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we get case (b) of corollary 2.

CASE (2). In this case, we have two fixed directions, that we can suppose to be $f_1 = x$ and $f_2 = y$. Since $k_1 = 1$ and $k_2 = 2$, we get $g = x.y^2.g_1$, $h = x.y^2.h_1$ and $f = x^2.y^4$. After taking linear combinations, we can suppose that $g = x^2.y^2$ and $h = x.y^3$. This gives the first integrals y^2 and $x.y$ and so $\omega = 2x^2 y dy$ and $\eta = xy^2 dy + y^3 dx$ and we are in case (c).

CASE (3). In this case, we have three fixed directions. After a linear change of variables we can suppose that they are $f_1 = x$, $f_2 = y$ and $f_3 = x + y$. This gives $g = xy(x+y).g_1$, $h = xy(x+y).h_1$ and $f = x^2 y^2 (x+y)^2$. After taking linear combinations of g_1 and h_1 , we can suppose that $g = x^2 y (x+y)$ and $h = xy^2 (x+y)$. Therefore we get the first integrals are $f/g = y(x+y)$, $f/h = x(x+y)$ and

$$\begin{cases} \omega = x^2 y (x+y) \left[\frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dx+dy}{x+y} \right] = x^2 y dx + (2x^2 y + x^3) dy \\ \implies X = (2xy^2 + x^3) \partial_x - x^2 y \partial_y \\ \eta = xy^2 (x+y) \left[\frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dx+dy}{x+y} \right] = (2xy^2 + y^3) dx + xy^2 dy \\ \implies Y = -xy^2 \partial_x + (2xy^2 + y^3) \partial_y. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we are in case (d) of corollary 2. □

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