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SUMMARY

In Ref. 1 the author established the existence of a new class of exact subharmonic solutions to Duffing's equation, without damping, i.e., the term in  $\dot{x}$  is absent. The present study is concerned with the full equation of Duffing, with damping present, and it is shown that, provided the damping coefficient,  $b$ , is sufficiently small, there exists a class of exact subharmonic solutions which stem from a sub-class of exact pure-subharmonic solutions.

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## 1. Introduction

The equation

$$\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + c_1x + c_3x^3 = Q \sin \omega t, \quad b \neq 0, \quad (1.1)$$

is known as Duffing's equation, with damping. The only known broad class of subharmonic solutions to this equation is that related to the condition  $c_3 \ll c_1$ , in which the solution takes the form of a real Fourier series whose leading term is the dominant subharmonic. See for example Stoker, Ref. 2, pp. 103-109. Stoker's account is concerned with subharmonics of order  $1/3$  and it is demonstrated that these do not occur when  $\omega^2 = 9c_1$ . Further, the conclusion is drawn that these subharmonics cannot occur unless the damping coefficient,  $b$ , is of the same order as  $c_3$ , i.e.  $b \ll c_1$ .

In an earlier paper, Ref. 1, the author established the existence of a new class of pure subharmonic solutions of order  $1/3$  (i.e. with terms in  $\sin \frac{1}{3}\omega t$  and  $\cos \frac{1}{3}\omega t$  present, only) for Duffing's equation with  $b = 0$  and went on to demonstrate the existence of an associated, broader, class of solutions which could be represented by a Fourier series whose minimum frequency was  $\omega/3$ . These solutions were shown to exist in intervals  $-1 \leq 9c_1/\omega^2 < 1$ ,  $1 < 9c_1/\omega^2 \leq 3$ , with  $c_3$  unrestricted. That no subharmonic solution of order  $1/3$  could be shown to exist when  $\omega^2 = 9c_1$  agreed with Stoker's first conclusion. However, neither of the two treatments can be taken as proof that no subharmonic of order  $1/3$  exists when  $\omega^2 = 9c_1$ .

The present study is a natural continuation of the work in Ref. 1. Starting from a pure subharmonic solution of order  $1/3$  of equation (1.1),  $b = 0$ , the combined functional analytic, topological, method will be used to explore the existence of associated subharmonic solutions representable by Fourier series of minimum frequency  $\omega/3$ .

## 2. An Extended Class of Subharmonic Solutions

By writing  $3\theta = \omega t$ , equation (1.1) may be reduced to

$$x'' + hx' + g_1x + g_3x^3 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta = 0, \quad (h, g_3 \neq 0) \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} h &= 3b/\omega \\ g_1 &= 9c_1/\omega^2 \\ g_3 &= 9c_3/\omega^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\Gamma = 9Q/\omega^2$$



Starting with the case  $h = 0$ ,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_e$ , there exist certain subharmonic solutions described in Ref. 1, equation (2.5). It should be noted that in Ref. 1, equation (2.16) should read  $g_1 = 1 - 3g_3 a_e^2$ . The family of straight lines in the  $g_1, g_3$  plane are then as shown in Fig. 1. With  $g_1, g_3$  and  $\Gamma = \Gamma_e$  fixed and  $h > 0$  it is anticipated that there will exist a subharmonic solution of (2.1) of the form

$$x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{a_{2n+1} \sin (2n+1)\theta + b_{2n+1} \cos (2n+1)\theta\} \quad (2.3)$$

As before the first approximation will be the pure-subharmonic solution

$$x = a_e \sin \theta + b_e \cos \theta, \quad (2.4)$$

whilst the second approximation will be

$$x = a_1 \sin \theta + b_1 \cos \theta + a_3 \sin 3\theta + b_3 \cos 3\theta \quad (2.5)$$

It then follows that

$$x^3 = \alpha_{10} \sin \theta + \beta_{10} \cos \theta + \alpha_{30} \sin 3\theta + \dots + \beta_{90} \cos 9\theta, \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\alpha_{10} = \frac{3}{4} a_1 (a_1^2 + b_1^2) - \frac{3}{4} a_3 (a_1^2 - b_1^2) - \frac{3}{2} a_1 b_1 b_3 + \frac{3}{2} a_1 (a_3^2 + b_3^2)$$

$$\beta_{10} = \frac{3}{4} b_1 (a_1^2 + b_1^2) - \frac{3}{4} b_3 (a_1^2 - b_1^2) + \frac{3}{2} a_1 b_1 a_3 + \frac{3}{2} b_1 (a_3^2 + b_3^2)$$

$$\alpha_{30} = \frac{1}{4} a_1 (3b_1^2 - a_1^2) + \frac{3}{2} a_3 (a_1^2 + b_1^2) + \frac{3}{4} a_3 (a_3^2 + b_3^2)$$

$$\beta_{30} = -\frac{1}{4} b_1 (3a_1^2 - b_1^2) + \frac{3}{2} b_3 (a_1^2 + b_1^2) + \frac{3}{4} b_3 (a_3^2 + b_3^2)$$

$$\alpha_{50} = -\frac{3}{4} a_3 (a_1^2 - b_1^2) + \frac{3}{2} a_1 b_1 b_3 + \frac{3}{4} a_1 (a_3^2 - b_3^2) + \frac{3}{2} b_1 a_3 b_3$$

$$\beta_{50} = -\frac{3}{4} b_3 (a_1^2 - b_1^2) - \frac{3}{2} a_1 b_1 a_3 - \frac{3}{4} b_1 (a_3^2 - b_3^2) + \frac{3}{2} a_1 a_3 b_3$$

$$\alpha_{70} = -\frac{3}{4} a_1 (a_3^2 - b_3^2) + \frac{3}{2} b_1 a_3 b_3$$

$$\beta_{70} = -\frac{3}{4} b_1 (a_3^2 - b_3^2) - \frac{3}{2} a_1 a_3 b_3$$

$$\alpha_{90} = \frac{1}{4} a_3 (3b_3^2 - a_3^2)$$

$$\beta_{90} = -\frac{1}{4} b_3 (3a_3^2 - b_3^2)$$

Also

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x' &= a_1 \cos \theta - b_1 \sin \theta + 3a_3 \cos 3\theta - 3b_3 \sin 3\theta \\ \text{and} \\ x'' &= -a_1 \sin \theta - b_1 \cos \theta - 9a_3 \sin 3\theta - 9b_3 \cos 3\theta \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.7)$$

Approximately  $x^3$  by

$$x^3 = \alpha_{10} \sin \theta + \beta_{10} \cos \theta + \alpha_{30} \sin 3\theta + \beta_{30} \cos 3\theta$$

and substituting for  $x$ ,  $x^3$ ,  $x'$  and  $x''$  in (2.1) and equating coefficients of the distinct terms, i.e.  $\sin \theta$ ,  $\cos \theta$ ,  $\sin 3\theta$  and  $\cos 3\theta$ , respectively, to zero, gives rise to the following simultaneous equations:

$$(g_1 - 1)a_1 - hb_1 + g_3\alpha_{10} = 0 \quad (2.8)$$

$$(g_1 - 1)b_1 + ha_1 + g_3\beta_{10} = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

$$(g_1 - 9)a_3 - 3hb_3 + g_3\alpha_{30} = \Gamma_e \quad (2.10)$$

$$(g_1 - 9)b_3 + 3ha_3 + g_3\beta_{30} = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

The corresponding equations defining the pure subharmonic solution are, from Ref. 1,

$$(g_1 - 1)a_e + \frac{3}{4}g_3a_e(a_e^2 + b_e^2) = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

$$(g_1 - 1)b_e + \frac{3}{4}g_3b_e(a_e^2 + b_e^2) = 0 \quad (2.13)$$

$$\frac{1}{4}g_3a_e(3b_e^2 - a_e^2) = \Gamma_e \quad (2.14)$$

$$-\frac{1}{4}g_3b_e(3a_e^2 - b_e^2) = 0 \quad (2.15)$$

Writing  $a_1 = (1 + \epsilon_1)a_e$ ,  $b_1 = (k_1 + \epsilon_2)a_e$ ,  $a_3 = \epsilon_3a_e$ ,  $b_3 = \epsilon_4a_e$  and subtracting (2.12) from (2.8), (2.13) from (2.9), (2.14) from (2.10) and (2.15) from (2.11) gives, after division by  $a_e \neq 0$  and the substitution

$$g_3a_e^2 = \frac{1}{3}k_3(g_1 - 1),$$

where  $k_3 = -4$  or  $-1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 - 1)\epsilon_1 - h\epsilon_2 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{(3 + k_1^2)\epsilon_1 + 2k_1\epsilon_2 + (k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_3 - 2k_1\epsilon_4 \\ + \frac{4}{3}G_1(\epsilon)\} = h k_1 \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

$$(g_1 - 1)\epsilon_2 + h\epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{2k_1\epsilon_1 + (1 + 3k_1^2)\epsilon_2 + 2k_1\epsilon_3 + (k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_4 + \frac{4}{3}G_2(\epsilon)\} = -h \quad (2.17)$$

$$(g_1 - 9)\epsilon_3 - 3h\epsilon_4 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{(k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_1 + 2k_1\epsilon_2 + 2(1 + k_1^2)\epsilon_3 + \frac{4}{3}G_3(\epsilon)\} = 0 \quad (2.18)$$

$$(g_1 - 9)\epsilon_4 + 3h\epsilon_3 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{-2k_1\epsilon_1 + (k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_2 + 2(1 + k_1^2)\epsilon_4 + \frac{4}{3}G_4(\epsilon)\} = 0 \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$G_1(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4) = \frac{3}{4}(1 + \epsilon_1)(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2) + \frac{3}{2}(1 + \epsilon_1)(\epsilon_3^2 + \epsilon_4^2) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_1(\epsilon_1 + k_1\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_3 - k_1\epsilon_4) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_2(k_1\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_4 - \epsilon_1\epsilon_4) + \frac{3}{4}\epsilon_3(k_1\epsilon_2^2 - \epsilon_1^2) \quad (2.20)$$

$$G_2(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4) = \frac{3}{4}(k_1 + \epsilon_2)(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2) + \frac{3}{2}(k_1 + \epsilon_2)(\epsilon_3^2 + \epsilon_4^2) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_1(\epsilon_2 + k_1\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_4) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_2(k_1\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 + k_1\epsilon_4 + \epsilon_1\epsilon_3) + \frac{3}{4}\epsilon_4(\epsilon_2^2 - \epsilon_1^2) \quad (2.21)$$

$$G_3(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4) = \frac{3}{4}(\epsilon_2^2 - \epsilon_1^2) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_3(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2) + \frac{3}{4}\epsilon_3(\epsilon_3^2 + \epsilon_4^2) + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_1(3\epsilon_2^2 - \epsilon_1^2) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 + 3k_1\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 \quad (2.22)$$

$$G_4(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4) = \frac{3}{4}k_1(\epsilon_2^2 - \epsilon_1^2) + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_4(\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_4^2) + \frac{3}{4}\epsilon_4(\epsilon_3^2 + \epsilon_4^2) + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_2(\epsilon_2^2 + 3\epsilon_1^2) - \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 + 3\epsilon_1\epsilon_4 + 3k_1\epsilon_2\epsilon_4 \quad (2.23)$$

The task of determining  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  in terms of  $h$  from these four simultaneous cubic equations would be formidable, this, however, is not required. The reason for deriving this system of equations is firstly that they define a mapping  $M_0$ , used in the existence theorem, and secondly they provide a guide to the choice of a four-cell  $\Lambda$ , also used in the existence theorem. For the latter purpose let  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  be of the first order of small quantities compared with unity, then  $G_1, \dots, G_4$  contain terms of the second and higher orders of small quantities only. Under these conditions equations (2.16) to (2.19) may be adequately approximated by the linear equations

$$\{1 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(3 + k_1^2)\}\epsilon_1 + \{\frac{1}{2}k_1k_3 - \Omega_1\}\epsilon_2 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_3 - \frac{1}{2}k_1k_3\epsilon_4 = k_1\Omega_1 \quad (2.24)$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 + \Omega_1 \right\} \epsilon_1 + \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (1 + 3k_1^2) \right\} \epsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 \epsilon_3 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) \epsilon_4 = -\Omega_1 \quad (2.25)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) \epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 \epsilon_2 + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_3 (1 + k_1^2) + \Omega_2 \right\} \epsilon_3 - 3\Omega_1 \epsilon_4 = 0 \quad (2.26)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 \epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) \epsilon_2 + 3\Omega_1 \epsilon_3 + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_3 (1 + k_1^2) + \Omega_2 \right\} \epsilon_4 = 0 \quad (2.27)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= h/(g_1 - 1) \\ \text{and} \\ \Omega_2 &= (g_1 - 9)/(g_1 - 1) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.28)$$

Consider the solution of these equations for  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  in the two cases, separately

Case (i)  $k_1 = 0, k_2 = 1, k_3 = -4$

The equations become

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -2\epsilon_1 - \Omega_1 \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 &= 0 \\ \Omega_1 \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_4 &= -\Omega_1 \\ \epsilon_1 + (\Omega_2 - 2)\epsilon_3 - 3\Omega_1 \epsilon_4 &= 0 \\ \epsilon_2 + 3\Omega_1 \epsilon_3 + (\Omega_2 - 2)\epsilon_4 &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.29)$$

with solutions

$$\epsilon_1 = -\Delta_1/\Delta_0, \quad \epsilon_2 = \Delta_2/\Delta_0, \quad \epsilon_3 = -\Delta_3/\Delta_0, \quad \epsilon_4 = \Omega_1(1 - \epsilon_1)$$

where

$$\Delta_0 = 2(\Omega_2 - 2) + (1 + 3\Omega_1)^2 - \Omega_1^2(\Omega_2 - 2)^2$$

$$\Delta_1 = -\Omega_1^2 \{ (\Omega_2 - 2)^2 + 9\Omega_1^2 - 3\Omega_1 \}$$

$$\Delta_2 = -\Omega_1 \{ (\Omega_2 - 2) + 2(\Omega_2 - 2)^2 + 9\Omega_1^2 \}$$

and

$$\Delta_3 = -\Omega_1^2 \{ 6 + (\Omega_2 - 2) + 6\Omega_1^2(\Omega_2 - 2) \}$$

This means that  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  may be expressed in the form

$$\epsilon_1 = \Omega_1 \bar{\Phi}_1(\Omega_1, \Omega_2), \dots, \epsilon_4 = \Omega_1 \bar{\Phi}_4(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) \quad (2.30)$$

where the  $\bar{\Phi}_i(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$  all tend to finite values as  $\Omega_1 \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4 \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Omega_1 \rightarrow 0$  or  $h \rightarrow 0$ .

Case (ii)  $k_1 = 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $k_2 = -2$ ,  $k_3 = -1$   
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The equations become

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}} + \Omega_1\right)\epsilon_2 - \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_3 + \frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}}\epsilon_4 &= 3^{\frac{1}{2}}\Omega_1 \\ \left(-\frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}} + \Omega_1\right)\epsilon_1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}}\epsilon_3 - \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_4 &= -\Omega_1 \\ -\frac{1}{4}\epsilon_1 - \frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}}\epsilon_2 + \{-2 + \Omega_1\}\epsilon_3 - 3\Omega_1\epsilon_4 &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}}\epsilon_1 - \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_2 + 3\Omega_1\epsilon_3 + \{-2 + \Omega_1\}\epsilon_4 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which again have solutions in the form

$$\epsilon_i = \Omega_1 \bar{\Phi}_i(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$$

and, therefore,  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4 \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Omega_1 \rightarrow 0$  or  $h \rightarrow 0$ .

### 3. The Existence Theorem

The existence theorem, which will be used to prove the existence of the solution (2.3) of equation (2.1), is essentially the same as that described in Ref. 1. However, because of the presence of the term  $hx'$  in (2.1) it is now necessary to formulate the proof in terms of vectors and this gives rise to important differences of detail from the scalar technique set out in Ref. 1.

Consider the function space  $S$  of all real periodic vector functions  $x(\theta) = (x_1, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n)$  defined by Fourier series of the form

$$x_j(\theta) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \{ a_{j,2s+1} \sin (2s+1)\theta + b_{j,2s+1} \cos (2s+1)\theta \}, \quad (3.1)$$

and having a norm  $\nu(x)$  defined by

$$\nu(x) = \max \nu(x_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$\nu(x_j) = \left\{ (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} x_j^2(\theta) d\theta \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (3.3)$$

A projection operator  $P$  may be defined in  $S$  by the relations

$$Px = (P_1 x_1, \dots, P_n x_n), \quad (3.4)$$

$$P_j x_j = \sum_{s=0}^m \{ a_{j, 2s+1} \sin (2s+1)\theta + b_{j, 2s+1} \cos (2s+1)\theta \}, \quad (3.5)$$

and, by definition,  $P = P^2$ .

The subspace  $\tilde{S}$  of  $S$  is defined by

$$\tilde{S} = \{ x : x \in S, Px = 0 \}, \quad (3.6)$$

and, thereby, if  $x \in \tilde{S}$  then

$$x_j(\theta) = \sum_{s=m+1}^{\infty} \{ a_{j, 2s+1} \sin (2s+1)\theta + b_{j, 2s+1} \cos (2s+1)\theta \} \quad (3.7)$$

Define the operator  $H$  on  $\tilde{S}$  by the relation

$$Hx_j = \sum_{s=m+1}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-1} \{ -a_{j, 2s+1} \cos (2s+1)\theta + b_{j, 2s+1} \sin (2s+1)\theta \}, \quad (3.8)$$

which corresponds to the integration of  $x_j \in \tilde{S}$  with the constants of integration taken to be zero.

Write equation (2.1) in the system form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1' &= q_1(x_2) = x_2 \\ x_2' &= q_2(x_1, x_2, \theta) = -g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - h x_2 + \Gamma \sin 3\theta, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.9)$$

where  $q_1, q_2$  are the components of the vector operator  $q$  on  $S$ . Further, consider the operators  $f, F$  and  $T$  on  $S$  defined by

$$fx = qx - Pqx \quad (3.10)$$

$$Fx = Hfx \quad (3.11)$$

and

$$y = Tx = Px + Fx; \quad (3.12)$$

or, in more detail,

$$fx = \begin{bmatrix} (fx)_1 \\ (fx)_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - Px_2 \\ -g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - hx_2 + \Gamma \sin 3\theta + P(g_1 x_1 + g_3 x_1^3 + hx_2 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.13)$$

$$Fx = Hfx = \begin{bmatrix} H(x_2 - Px_2) \\ H\{-g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - hx_2 + \Gamma \sin 3\theta + P(g_1 x_1 + g_3 x_1^3 + hx_2 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta)\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (Tx)_1 \\ (Tx)_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Px_1 + (Fx)_1 \\ Px_2 + (Fx)_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Px_1 + H(x_2 - Px_2) \\ Px_2 + H\{-g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - hx_2 + \Gamma \sin 3\theta + P(g_1 x_1 + g_3 x_1^3 + hx_2 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta)\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.15)$$

By placing certain bounds on  $\nu(x)$ ,  $|x|$ ,  $\nu(x - Px)$  and  $|x - Px|$  it is possible to define a subspace  $S^*$  of  $S$  and, provided certain inequalities are satisfied, it will be shown that  $T : S^* \rightarrow S^*$  and is also a contraction mapping. Because  $T$  is a contraction in  $S^*$ , Banach's fixed point theorem (See Ref. 5, p.141) may be invoked to conclude that  $y(\theta)$  exists uniquely in  $S^*$  and is continuously dependent on the approximate solution (2.5). This means that  $a_5, b_5, a_7, \dots$ , are uniquely determined by and continuously dependent on  $a_1, \dots, b_3$ .

If  $y(\theta) \in S^*$  is a fixed element of  $T$  in  $S^*$ , then

$$y = Py + Fy$$

or

$$y - Py = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - Py_1 \\ y_2 - Py_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H(y_2 - Py_2) \\ H\{-g_1 y_1 - g_3 y_1^3 - hy_2 + \Gamma \sin 3\theta + P(g_1 y_1 + g_3 y_1^3 + hy_2 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta)\} \end{bmatrix}$$

Differentiating this expression with respect to  $\theta$  gives

$$y_1' = y_2 + P(y_1' - y_2)$$

$$y_2' = -g_1 y_1 - g_3 y_1^3 - hy_2 + \Gamma \sin 3\theta + P(y_2' + g_1 y_1 + g_3 y_1^3 + hy_2 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta)$$

Thus  $y(\theta)$  will satisfy (3.9) provided

$$P(y_1' - y_2) = 0 \quad (3.16)$$

$$P(y_2' + g_1 y_1 + g_3 y_1^3 + hy_2 - \Gamma \sin 3\theta) = 0 \quad (3.17)$$

If  $y(\theta)$  is the fixed element described, then  $y = x$  and  $y_j(\theta)$  will be given by (3.1). Choosing  $m = 1$ , then

$$Py_j = a_{j1} \sin \theta + b_{j1} \cos \theta + a_{j3} \sin 3\theta + b_{j3} \cos 3\theta \quad (3.18)$$

and

$$Py_j' = a_{j1} \cos \theta - b_{j1} \sin \theta + 3a_{j3} \cos 3\theta - 3b_{j3} \sin 3\theta \quad (3.19)$$

Also, writing

$$y_1^3(\theta) = \alpha_1 \sin \theta + \beta_1 \cos \theta + \alpha_3 \sin 3\theta + \beta_3 \cos 3\theta + \alpha_5 \sin 5\theta + \dots \quad (3.20)$$

then

$$Py_1^3(\theta) = \alpha_1 \sin \theta + \beta_1 \cos \theta + \alpha_3 \sin 3\theta + \beta_3 \cos 3\theta \quad (3.21)$$



Substituting from (3.18) and (3.19) into (3.16) and equating the coefficients of the distinct terms to zero then gives the relations

$$a_{11} = b_{21}, \quad b_{11} = -a_{21}, \quad 3a_{13} = b_{23} \quad \text{and} \quad 3b_{13} = -a_{23} \quad (3.22)$$

A similar process, using (3.18), (3.19) and (3.21), applied to (3.17) then yields the relations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} g_1 a_{11} - b_{21} + ha_{21} + g_3 \alpha_1 &= 0 \\ g_1 b_{11} + a_{21} + hb_{21} + g_3 \beta_1 &= 0 \\ g_1 a_{13} - 3b_{23} + ha_{23} + g_3 \alpha_3 - \Gamma &= 0 \\ g_1 b_{13} + 3a_{23} + hb_{23} + g_3 \beta_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.23)$$

Substituting from (3.22) into (3.23) then gives the exact set of determining equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_1 &\equiv (g_1 - 1)a_{11} - hb_{11} + g_3 \alpha_1 = 0 \\ U_1 &\equiv (g_1 - 1)b_{11} + ha_{11} + g_3 \beta_1 = 0 \\ V_3 &\equiv (g_1 - 9)a_{13} - 3hb_{13} + g_3 \alpha_3 - \Gamma = 0 \\ U_3 &\equiv (g_1 - 9)b_{13} + 3ha_{13} + g_3 \beta_3 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.24)$$

The corresponding approximate set of determining equations (2.8) to (2.11) may be re-written in a similar form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v_1 &\equiv (g_1 - 1)a_{11} - hb_{11} + g_3 \alpha_{10} \\ u_1 &\equiv (g_1 - 1)b_{11} + ha_{11} + g_3 \beta_{10} \\ v_3 &\equiv (g_1 - 9)a_{13} - 3hb_{13} + g_3 \alpha_{30} - \Gamma_e \\ u_3 &\equiv (g_1 - 9)b_{13} + 3ha_{13} + g_3 \beta_{30} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.25)$$

where  $a_{11} = a_1$ ,  $b_{11} = b_1$ ,  $a_{13} = a_3$  and  $b_{13} = b_3$ .

Denote by  $\Lambda$  the four-cell defined by  $|a_1| \leq \mu_1 |a_e|$ ,  $|b_1| \leq \mu_2 |a_e|$ ,  $|a_3| \leq \mu_3 |a_e|$ ,  $|b_3| \leq \mu_4 |a_e|$ ,  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4 > 0$ , in the Euclidean four-space of

Cartesian co-ordinates  $a_1, b_1, a_3, b_3$ . Let  $M$  and  $M_0$  be mappings, described by equations (3.24) and (3.25), respectively, from the vector space of components  $(a_1, b_1, a_3, b_3)$  to the space of components  $(V_1, U_1, V_3, U_3)$  and  $(v_1, u_1, v_3, u_3)$ . These mappings are single-valued and continuous. Define  $C$  and  $C_0$  as the closed three-cells described by  $M\Lambda_B$  and  $M_0\Lambda_B$ , respectively, where  $\Lambda_B$  is the boundary of  $\Lambda$ . It may be verified directly whether, or not, the origin of the image four-space lies in  $C_0$ , whether  $C_0$  has non-zero order,  $v(C_0, 0)$ , with respect to the origin (See Ref. 5, p.15 and p.30), and the distance  $|(u, v) - 0|$  of the origin from  $C_0$ , may be determined. Further, using certain estimates for  $|\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}|$ ,  $|\beta_1 - \beta_{10}|$ ,  $|\alpha_3 - \alpha_{30}|$  and  $|\beta_3 - \beta_{30}|$ , the Euclidean distance between the three-cells  $C$  and  $C_0$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} |(U, V) - (u, v)| &= \left| \left\{ (V_1 - v_1)^2 + (U_1 - u_1)^2 + (V_3 - v_3)^2 + (U_3 - u_3)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ &= \left| g_3 \left\{ (\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10})^2 + (\beta_1 - \beta_{10})^2 + (\alpha_3 - \alpha_{30})^2 + (\beta_3 - \beta_{30})^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

If it can be established that

$$g_1 b |(U, V) - (u, v)| < \text{lub} |(u, v) - 0| \quad (3.27)$$

then by Rouché's theorem (See Ref. 7, Vol. 3, p.103) it follows that

$$v(C, 0) = v(C_0, 0) \neq 0 \quad (3.28)$$

or that

$$\gamma(M, \Lambda, 0) = \gamma(M_0, \Lambda, 0) \neq 0, \quad (3.29)$$

where  $\gamma(M, \Lambda, 0)$  is the local topological degree of  $M$  at the origin relative to  $\Lambda$ . It then follows from Ref. 5, p.32, Theorem 6.6 that there is a point in the interior of  $\Lambda$  for which  $v_1 = u_1 = v_3 = u_3 = 0$ , and another point in the interior of  $\Lambda$  for which  $V_1 = U_1 = V_3 = U_3 = 0$ . This implies that the exact system of determining equations (3.24) are satisfied for certain values of  $a_1, b_1, a_3, b_3$  contained in the cell  $\Lambda$  and, therefore,  $y = x$ , as given by equation (2.3), is an exact solution of (3.9) and, thereby, equation (2.1), for certain values  $a_1, b_1, a_3, b_3$  contained in  $\Lambda$ .

#### 4. Some Norms and Pseudo-norms

From (3.1) and (3.3) the norm

$$\nu(x_j) = \{2^{-1}(a_{j1}^2 + b_{j1}^2 + a_{j3}^2 + b_{j3}^2 + a_{j5}^2 + \dots)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4.1)$$

Thus for the components  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  described in (3.9)

$$\nu(x_1) = \{2^{-1}(a_{11}^2 + b_{11}^2 + a_{13}^2 + b_{13}^2 + \dots)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$\nu(x_2) = \{2^{-1}(a_{21}^2 + b_{21}^2 + a_{23}^2 + b_{23}^2 + \dots)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Now from (3.1)

$$x_1(\theta) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \{a_{1,2s+1} \sin(2s+1)\theta + b_{1,2s+1} \cos(2s+1)\theta\},$$

$$x_2(\theta) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \{a_{2,2s+1} \sin(2s+1)\theta + b_{2,2s+1} \cos(2s+1)\theta\}$$

and upon differentiation with respect to  $\theta$

$$x_1'(\theta) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (2s+1) \{a_{1,2s+1} \cos(2s+1)\theta - b_{1,2s+1} \sin(2s+1)\theta\}$$

From (3.9),  $x_1' = x_2$  and, therefore, it must follow that

$$a_{2,2s+1} = -(2s+1)b_{1,2s+1} \text{ and } b_{2,2s+1} = (2s+1)a_{1,2s+1} \quad (4.3)$$

Substituting (4.3) into the expression for  $\nu(x_2)$  then gives

$$\nu(x_2) = \{2^{-1}(a_{11}^2 + b_{11}^2 + 9a_{13}^2 + 9b_{13}^2 + 25a_{15}^2 + \dots)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4.4)$$

It follows that

$$\nu(x_2) \geq \nu(x_1)$$

and, therefore,

$$\nu(x) = \nu(x_2) \quad (4.5)$$

Also,

$$\nu(Px) = \nu(Px_2),$$

$$\nu(x - Px) = \nu(x_2 - Px_2)$$

$$= \{ 2^{-1} (25a_{15}^2 + 25b_{15}^2 + 49a_{17}^2 + \dots) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (4.6)$$

therefore

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \nu(Px) \leq \nu(x) \\ \text{and} \\ \nu(x - Px) \leq \nu(x) \end{array} \right\} \quad (4.7)$$

for all  $x \in S$ .

Now

$$H(x_1 - Px_1) = -5^{-1} a_{15} \cos 5\theta + 5^{-1} b_{15} \sin 5\theta - 7^{-1} a_{17} \cos 7\theta + \dots$$

and

$$H(x_2 - Px_2) = x_1 - Px_1 = a_{15} \sin 5\theta + b_{15} \cos 5\theta + a_{17} \sin 7\theta + \dots,$$

thus

$$\nu H(x_1 - Px_1) = \{ 2^{-1} (5^{-2} a_{15}^2 + 5^{-2} b_{15}^2 + 7^{-2} a_{17}^2 + \dots) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} < \nu H(x_2 - Px_2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu H(x - Px) &= \nu H(x_2 - Px_2) \\ &= \{ 2^{-1} (a_{15}^2 + b_{15}^2 + a_{17}^2 + \dots) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \nu(x_1 - Px_1). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\nu H(x - Px) \leq 5^{-1} \nu(x - Px) \leq 5^{-1} \nu(x) \quad (4.8)$$

In addition to the norm  $\nu$ , use will be made of the pseudonorm

$$|x_j(\theta)|, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$$

and the result that

$$\begin{aligned} |x_j| &= \left| \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \{ a_{j, 2s+1} \sin (2s+1)\theta + b_{j, 2s+1} \cos (2s+1)\theta \} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \{ |a_{j, 2s+1}| + |b_{j, 2s+1}| \} \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

will be used. Thus

$$|H(x_j - Px_j)| = \left| \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-1} \{ -a_{j, 2s+1} \cos (2s+1)\theta + b_{j, 2s+1} \sin (2s+1)\theta \} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-1} \{ |a_{j, 2s+1}| + |b_{j, 2s+1}| \} \\
 &\leq \left\{ \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (a_{j, 2s+1}^2 + b_{j, 2s+1}^2) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu(x_j - Px_j) \\
 &\leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-2} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (2s+1)^{-2} = 1 + 3^{-2} + 5^{-2} + 7^{-2} + \dots = \pi^2/8, \text{ (See Ref. 3, p.219, or}$$

Ref. 4, p.167, Example 5 with  $x = 0$ ,) therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 |H(x_j - Px_j)| &\leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} (\pi^2/8 - 1 - 3^{-2})^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu(x_j - Px_j) \\
 &\leq 0.49516 \nu(x_j - Px_j) \leq 0.49516 \nu(x)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

Similarly, if  $h$  is a real analytic operator in  $S$ , then

$$\nu H[hx - P(hx)] \leq 5^{-1} \nu[hx - P(hx)] \leq 5^{-1} \nu(hx) \tag{4.11}$$

and

$$|H[hx_j - P(hx_j)]| \leq 0.49516 \nu[hx_j - P(hx_j)] \leq 0.49516 \nu(hx_j) \tag{4.12}$$

#### 5. Conditions for $T$ to be a Contraction Mapping in $S^*$

Consider the four cell  $\Lambda$  defined in Section 3. Then  $x^*$  is defined as

$$x^* = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \sin \theta + b_{11} \cos \theta + a_{13} \sin 3\theta + b_{13} \cos 3\theta \\ a_{21} \sin \theta + b_{21} \cos \theta + a_{23} \sin 3\theta + b_{23} \cos 3\theta \end{bmatrix},$$

which from (4.3)

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \sin \theta + b_{11} \cos \theta + a_{13} \sin 3\theta + b_{13} \cos 3\theta \\ -b_{11} \sin \theta + a_{11} \cos \theta - 3b_{13} \sin 3\theta + 3a_{13} \cos 3\theta \end{bmatrix} \tag{5.1}$$

with  $a_{11}$ ,  $b_{11}$ ,  $a_{13}$  and  $b_{13}$  contained in  $\Lambda$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(x^*) = \nu(x_2^*) &= \{ 2^{-1}(a_{11}^2 + b_{11}^2 + 9a_{13}^2 + 9b_{13}^2) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq c = \sigma(\mu) |a_e|, \end{aligned} \quad (5.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x_1^*| &\leq |a_{11}| + |b_{11}| + |a_{13}| + |b_{13}| \\ &\leq r_1 = \tau_1(\mu) |a_e|, \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x_2^*| &\leq |a_{21}| + |b_{21}| + |a_{23}| + |b_{23}| \\ &\leq |a_{11}| + |b_{11}| + |3a_{13}| + |3b_{13}| \\ &\leq r_2 = \tau_2(\mu) |a_e|, \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

where

$$\sigma(\mu) = \{ 2^{-1}(\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2 + 9\mu_3^2 + 9\mu_4^2) \}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (5.5)$$

$$\tau_1(\mu) = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4 \quad (5.6)$$

and

$$\tau_2(\mu) = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 3\mu_3 + 3\mu_4. \quad (5.7)$$

Define  $S^*$  to be the set of all  $x(\theta)$ , as given by (3.1), which satisfy the conditions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(x) &= x^* \\ \nu(x) &\leq d \\ |x_j| &\leq R_j \\ \nu(x - Px) &\leq \delta |a_e| \\ |x_j - Px_j| &\leq \rho_j |a_e|, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5.8)$$

where  $d$ ,  $R_j$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\rho_j$  will be chosen below. Then

$$\nu(Px) = \nu(x^*) \leq c$$

and

$$|Px_j| = |x_j| \leq r_j$$

for every  $x$  in  $S^*$ .

Consider the mapping  $T : S^* \rightarrow S$  defined in (3.12), then

$$Py = PTx = P(Px + Fx) = PPx + PFx.$$

$$\text{But } PPx = Px \text{ and } PFx = PHfx = 0,$$

thus

$$Py = Px = x^*.$$

$$\text{Also } y_1 - Py_1 = H(x_2 - Px_2) = x_1 - Px_1$$

$$\text{and } y_2 - Py_2 = H\{-g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - hx_2 + P(g_1 x_1 + g_3 x_1^3 + hx_2)\}.$$

It is required now to obtain conditions for  $T : S^* \rightarrow S^*$ . For this purpose  $\nu(y - Py)$  and  $|y_j - Py_j|$  will be evaluated in terms of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$ ,  $|a_e|$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\rho_j$ . Write

$$x_1 = Px_1 + (x_1 - Px_1),$$

then

$$x_1^3 = (Px_1)^3 + 3(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1) + 3Px_1(x_1 - Px_1)^2 + (x_1 - Px_1)^3.$$

Thus

$$\nu(y - Py) = \nu(y_2 - Py_2)$$

$$= \nu H[g_1(x_1 - Px_1) + g_3(x_1^3 - Px_1^3) + h(x_2 - Px_2)]$$

$$= \nu H\{g_1(x_1 - Px_1) + g_3[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3]$$

$$+ 3g_3[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1) - P(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)]$$

$$+ 3g_3[(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2 - P(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2]$$

$$+ g_3[(x_1 - Px_1)^3 - P(x_1 - Px_1)^3] + h(x_2 - Px_2)\}$$

$$\leq |g_1| \nu H(x_1 - Px_1) + |g_3| \{\nu H[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3]$$

$$+ 3\nu H[\dots] + 3\nu H[\dots] + \nu H[\dots] + |h| \nu H(x_2 - Px_2). \quad (5.9)$$

Similarly

$$|y_2 - Py_2| \leq |g_1| |H(x_1 - Px_1)| + |g_3| \{ |H[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3]| + 3|H[\dots]| + 3|H[\dots]| + |H[\dots]| \} + |h| |H(x_2 - Px_2)|. \quad (5.10)$$

$$\text{Also, } |y_1 - Py_1| = |H(x_2 - Px_2)| \leq 0.49516 \nu(x_2 - Px_2) \leq 0.49516 \delta |a_e|. \quad (5.11)$$

Consider the terms in these inequalities in order, with  $x \in S^*$ . Then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nu H(x_1 - Px_1) &\leq 5^{-1} \nu(x_1 - Px_1) \leq 5^{-2} \nu(x - Px) \leq 5^{-2} \delta |a_e| \\ \text{and} \\ |H(x_1 - Px_1)| &\leq 0.49516 \nu(x_1 - Px_1) \leq 0.09903 \delta |a_e|. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5.12)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3 &= \alpha_{50} \sin 5\theta + \beta_{50} \cos 5\theta + \alpha_{70} \sin 7\theta + \beta_{70} \cos 7\theta \\ &+ \alpha_{90} \sin 9\theta + \beta_{90} \cos 9\theta, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \nu[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3] &= [2^{-1}(\alpha_{50}^2 + \beta_{50}^2 + \alpha_{70}^2 + \beta_{70}^2 + \alpha_{90}^2 + \beta_{90}^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= [2^{-1}(|\alpha_{50}|^2 + |\beta_{50}|^2 + |\alpha_{70}|^2 + |\beta_{70}|^2 + |\alpha_{90}|^2 + |\beta_{90}|^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3| \leq |\alpha_{50}| + |\beta_{50}| + \dots + |\beta_{90}|.$$

In order to evaluate these, estimates for  $|\alpha_{50}|$ , etc. are required. These may be obtained from the expressions for  $\alpha_{50}$ , etc. in Section 2 and the definition of  $\Lambda$ . Thus

$$|\alpha_{50}| \leq |a_e|^3 \left\{ \frac{3}{4} \mu_3 (\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2) + \frac{3}{2} \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_4 + \frac{3}{4} \mu_1 (\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) + \frac{3}{2} \mu_2 \mu_3 \mu_4 \right\}.$$

It will be seen later that the values of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  may be expressed in terms of  $|\lambda|$ , thus  $|\alpha_{50}|, \dots, |\beta_{90}|$  may be expressed in the form



$$\left. \begin{aligned} |\alpha_{50}| &\leq A_{50}(\lambda) |a_e|^3 \\ |\beta_{50}| &\leq B_{50}(\lambda) |a_e|^3 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ |\beta_{90}| &\leq B_{90}(\lambda) |a_e|^3, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5.13)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_{50}(\lambda) &= \frac{3}{4} [\mu_3(\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2) + \mu_1(\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2)] + \frac{3}{2} \mu_2 \mu_4 (\mu_1 + \mu_3) \\ B_{50}(\lambda) &= \frac{3}{4} [\mu_4(\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2) + \mu_2(\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2)] + \frac{3}{2} \mu_1 \mu_3 (\mu_2 + \mu_4) \\ A_{70}(\lambda) &= \frac{3}{4} \mu_1(\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) + \frac{3}{2} \mu_2 \mu_3 \mu_4 \\ B_{70}(\lambda) &= \frac{3}{4} \mu_2(\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) + \frac{3}{2} \mu_1 \mu_3 \mu_4 \\ A_{90}(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{4} \mu_3(\mu_3^2 + 3\mu_4^2) \\ B_{90}(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{4} \mu_4(3\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2). \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5.14)$$

Thus

$$\nu[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3] \leq \phi(\lambda) |a_e|^3 \quad (5.15)$$

and

$$|(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3| \leq \psi(\lambda) |a_e|^3, \quad (5.16)$$

where

$$\phi(\lambda) = [2^{-1}(A_{50}^2 + B_{50}^2 + \dots + B_{90}^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (5.17)$$

and

$$\psi(\lambda) = A_{50} + B_{50} + \dots + B_{90} \quad (5.18)$$

It will be noted that

$$A_{50}, \dots, B_{90}, \phi(\lambda), \psi(\lambda) \geq 0.$$

From (4.11) and (4.12) it now follows that

$$\nu H[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3] \leq 5^{-1} \phi(\lambda) |a_e|^3 \quad (5.19)$$

and

$$|H[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3]| \leq 0.49516 \phi(\lambda) |a_e|^3 \quad (5.20)$$

Also from (4.11) and (4.12) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \nu H[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1) - P(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)] &< 5^{-1} \nu[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1) - P(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)] \\ &\leq 5^{-1} \nu[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)] \\ &< 5^{-1} |Px_1|^2 \nu(x_1 - Px_1) \\ &\leq 5^{-2} \tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta |a_e|^3 \end{aligned} \quad (5.21)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |H[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1) - P(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)]| &\leq 0.49516 \nu[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1) - P(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)] \\ &\leq 0.49516 \nu[(Px_1)^2(x_1 - Px_1)] \\ &\leq 0.09903 \tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta |a_e|^3 \end{aligned} \quad (5.22)$$

where, from (5.6) and the previous remarks concerning the expression of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  in terms of  $\lambda$ , it is clear that  $\tau_1$  is a function of  $\lambda$ .

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \nu H[(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2 - P(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2] &\leq 5^{-1} \nu[(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2 - P(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2] \\ &\leq 5^{-1} \nu[(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2] \\ &\leq 5^{-1} |Px_1| |x_1 - Px_1| \nu(x_1 - Px_1) \\ &\leq 5^{-2} \tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta |a_e|^3, \end{aligned} \quad (5.23)$$

$$|H[(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2 - P(Px_1)(x_1 - Px_1)^2]| \leq 0.09903 \tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta |a_e|^3, \quad (5.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu H[(x_1 - Px_1)^3 - P(x_1 - Px_1)^3] &\leq 5^{-1} \nu[(x_1 - Px_1)^3 - P(x_1 - Px_1)^3] \\ &\leq 5^{-1} \nu[(x_1 - Px_1)^3] \\ &< 5^{-1} |x_1 - Px_1|^2 \nu(x_1 - Px_1) \\ &\leq 5^{-2} \rho_1^2 \delta |a_e|^3, \end{aligned} \quad (5.25)$$

$$|H[(x_1 - Px_1)^3 - P(x_1 - Px_1)^3]| \leq 0.09903 \rho_1^2 \delta |a_e|^3, \quad (5.26)$$

$$\nu H[(x_2 - Px_2)] = \nu(x_1 - Px_1) \leq 5^{-1} \nu(x_2 - Px_2) \leq 5^{-1} \delta |a_e| \quad (5.27)$$

and

$$|H(x_2 - Px_2)| \leq 0.49516 \nu(x_2 - Px_2) \leq 0.49516 \delta |a_e|. \quad (5.28)$$

Substituting the appropriate inequalities into (5.9) gives

$$\nu(y - Py) \leq 5^{-2} |a_e| \{ (|g_1| + 5|h|) \delta + |g_3| |a_e|^2 [5\phi(\lambda) + 3\tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta + 3\tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta + \rho_1^2 \delta] \}.$$

or since  $|g_3| |a_e|^2 = \frac{1}{3} |k_3| |g_1 - 1|$ , then

$$\nu(y - Py) \leq 5^{-2} |a_e| \{ (|g_1| + 5|h|) \delta + \frac{1}{3} |k_3| |g_1 - 1| [5\phi(\lambda) + 3\tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta + 3\tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta + \rho_1^2 \delta] \} \quad (5.29)$$

Similarly

$$|y_2 - Py_2| \leq 0.09903 |a_e| \{ (|g_1| + 5|h|) \delta + \frac{1}{3} |k_3| |g_1 - 1| [5\phi(\lambda) + 3\tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta + 3\tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta + \rho_1^2 \delta] \} \quad (5.30)$$

and

$$|y_1 - Py_1| \leq 0.49516 \delta |a_e|. \quad (5.31)$$

The conditions for  $T : S^* \rightarrow S^*$  may now be established. First it is required to ask whether, for  $x \in S^*$ ,

$$\nu(y - Py) \leq \nu(x - Px) \leq \delta |a_e|,$$

$$|y_2 - Py_2| \leq |x_2 - Px_2| \leq \rho_2 |a_e|$$

and

$$|y_1 - Py_1| \leq |x_1 - Px_1| < \rho_1 |a_e|;$$

or, upon using (5.29), (5.30) and (5.31) and dividing throughout by  $|a_e| \neq 0$ , whether

$$5^{-2} \{ (|g_1| + 5|h|) \delta + \frac{1}{3} |k_3| |g_1 - 1| [5\phi(\lambda) + 3\tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta + 3\tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta + \rho_1^2 \delta] \} \leq \delta, \quad (5.32)$$

$$0.09903 \{ (|g_1| + 5|h|) \delta + \frac{1}{3} |k_3| |g_1 - 1| [5\phi(\lambda) + 3\tau_1^2(\lambda) \delta + 3\tau_1(\lambda) \rho_1 \delta + \rho_1^2 \delta] \} \leq \rho_2 \quad (5.33)$$

and

$$0.49516 \delta \leq \rho_1. \quad (5.34)$$

Now for  $x \in S^*$ ,  $P_y = P_x = P_{x^*} = x^*$ , and, therefore,

$$\nu(x) = \nu[P_x + (x - P_x)] \leq \nu(P_x) + \nu(x - P_x) \leq [\sigma(\lambda) + \delta] |a_e| \leq d, \quad (5.35)$$

$$|x_1| = |P_{x_1} + (x_1 - P_{x_1})| \leq |P_{x_1}| + |x_1 - P_{x_1}| \leq [\tau_1(\lambda) + \rho_1] |a_e| \leq R_1 \quad (5.36)$$

and

$$|x_2| = |P_{x_2} + (x_2 - P_{x_2})| \leq |P_{x_2}| + |x_2 - P_{x_2}| \leq [\tau_2(\lambda) + \rho_2] |a_e| \leq R_2 \quad (5.37)$$

Similarly

$$\nu(y) \leq \nu(P_y) + \nu(y - P_y) \leq \sigma(\lambda) |a_e| + \nu(y - P_y), \quad (5.38)$$

$$|y_1| \leq |P_{y_1}| + |y_1 - P_{y_1}| \leq \tau_1(\lambda) |a_e| + |y_1 - P_{y_1}| \quad (5.39)$$

and

$$|y_2| \leq |P_{y_2}| + |y_2 - P_{y_2}| \leq \tau_2(\lambda) |a_e| + |y_2 - P_{y_2}|. \quad (5.40)$$

If the inequalities (5.32), (5.33) and (5.34) hold then from (5.35) to (5.40)

$$\nu(y) \leq [\sigma(\lambda) + \delta] |a_e| \leq d,$$

$$|y_1| \leq [\tau_1(\lambda) + \rho_1] |a_e| \leq R_1$$

and

$$|y_2| \leq [\tau_2(\lambda) + \rho_2] |a_e| \leq R_2,$$

and hence  $y \in S^*$ . Choosing

$$d = [\sigma(\lambda) + \delta] |a_e|$$

and

$$R_j = [\tau_j(\lambda) + \rho_j] |a_e|,$$

(5.41)

with  $\lambda$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  satisfying (5.32), (5.33) and (5.34), then  $T : S^* \rightarrow S^*$ .

Conditions for  $T$  to be a contraction mapping in  $S^*$  may be established in the following way. With  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$  in  $S^*$ ,

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Px_1 + H(x_2 - Px_2) \\ Px_2 + H\{-g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - hx_2 + P(g_1 x_1 + g_3 x_1^3 + hx_2)\} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}_1 \\ \bar{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P\bar{x}_1 + H(\bar{x}_2 - P\bar{x}_2) \\ P\bar{x}_2 + H\{-g_1 \bar{x}_1 - g_3 \bar{x}_1^3 - h\bar{x}_2 + P(g_1 \bar{x}_1 + g_3 \bar{x}_1^3 + h\bar{x}_2)\} \end{bmatrix}$$

Also  $Px = x^* = P\bar{x}$ . Thus

$$y - \bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \bar{y}_1 \\ y_2 - \bar{y}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where}$$

$$y_1 - \bar{y}_1 = H\{(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) - P(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)\}$$

and

$$y_2 - \bar{y}_2 = H\{-g_1[(x_1 - \bar{x}_1) - P(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)] - g_3[x_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^3 - P(x_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^3)] - h[(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) - P(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)]\}$$

Now

$$\nu(y - \bar{y}) = \nu(y_2 - \bar{y}_2), \quad \text{which from equation (4.11)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 5^{-1}\{|g_1|\nu(x_1 - \bar{x}_1) + |g_3|\nu(x_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^3) + |h|\nu(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)\} \\ &\leq 5^{-1}\{|g_1|\nu(x_1 - \bar{x}_1) + |g_3|\nu[(x_1 - \bar{x}_1)(x_1^2 + x_1\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_1^2)] + |h|\nu(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)\} \\ &\leq 5^{-1}\{|g_1|\nu(x_1 - \bar{x}_1) + |g_3|(|x_1|^2 + |x_1||\bar{x}_1| + |\bar{x}_1|^2)\nu(x_1 - \bar{x}_1) + |h|\nu(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)\} \\ &\leq 5^{-1}\{[|g_1| + |g_3|(|x_1|^2 + |x_1||\bar{x}_1| + |\bar{x}_1|^2)]\nu H(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) + |h|\nu(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)\} \\ &\leq 5^{-1}\{5^{-1}(|g_1| + 3|g_3|R_1^2)\nu(x_2 - \bar{x}_2) + |h|\nu(x_2 - \bar{x}_2)\} \\ &\leq 5^{-2}\{|g_1| + 5|h| + 3|g_3|R_1^2\}\nu(x - \bar{x}), \end{aligned}$$

thus  $T$  is a contraction in  $S^*$  provided that

$$|g_1| + 5|h| + 3|g_3|R_1^2 < 25.$$

Upon substituting for  $R_1$  from (5.41) and then for  $|a_e|$  this inequality becomes

$$|g_1| + 5|h| + [\tau_1(\lambda) + \rho_1]^2 |k_3| |g_1 - 1| < 25 \quad (5.42)$$

When the above conditions are satisfied for  $T$  to be a contraction mapping in  $S^*$ , then it may be concluded, on the basis of Banach's fixed point theorem, Ref. 5, p.141, that the fixed element

$$y(\theta) = a_1 \sin \theta + b_1 \cos \theta + a_3 \sin 3\theta + b_3 \cos 3\theta + a_5 \sin 5\theta + \dots$$

exists, is unique in  $S^*$  and is continuously dependent on  $x^*$ . Thus  $a_5, b_5, a_7, b_7, \dots$ , are uniquely determined by and continuously dependent on  $a_1, a_3, b_1, b_3$  for  $a_1, \dots, b_3$  in  $\Lambda$ .

#### 6. Estimates for $|\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}|, \dots, |\beta_3 - \beta_{30}|$ .

In order to be able to obtain the Euclidean distance between the cells  $C_0$  and  $C$ , estimates of  $a_{j5}, b_{j5}, \dots, b_{j9}, |\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}|, \dots, |\beta_3 - \beta_{30}|$  will be required. For  $x$  in  $S^*$ ,  $Py = Px = x^*$  and it follows that

$$y_j - Py_j = a_{j5} \sin 5\theta + b_{j5} \cos 5\theta + a_{j7} \sin 7\theta + \dots, \quad (6.1)$$

and, therefore, that  $a_{j5}, b_{j5}, \dots$  etc. are the Fourier coefficients of  $(y_j - Py_j)$ . Consider now a differentiable, periodic, function  $G_j(\theta)$  of period  $2\pi$ . Assuming that  $G_j(\theta)$  has a Fourier series representation in both  $\sin n\theta$  and  $\cos n\theta$ , then the Fourier coefficients will be given by

$$a_{jn} = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} G_j(\theta) \sin n\theta \, d\theta \text{ and } b_{jn} = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} G_j(\theta) \cos n\theta \, d\theta \quad (6.2)$$

Upon integrating by parts there are produced the alternative relations

$$a_{jn} = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} n^{-1} G'_j(\theta) \cos n\theta \, d\theta \text{ and } b_{jn} = -\pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} n^{-1} G'_j(\theta) \sin n\theta \, d\theta \quad (6.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } |a_{jn}| &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} n^{-1} G_j'(\theta) \cos n\theta \, d\theta \right| \\ &\leq \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} |n^{-1} G_j'(\theta) \cos n\theta| \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

which by the Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \pi^{-1} n^{-1} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |G_j'(\theta)|^2 \, d\theta \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} |\cos n\theta|^2 \, d\theta \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{-1} \left[ (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} |G_j'(\theta)|^2 \, d\theta \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} |\cos n\theta|^2 \, d\theta \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{-1} \nu(G_j'). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$|b_{jn}| \leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{-1} \nu(G_j').$$

Identifying  $(y_j - Py_j)$  with  $G_j(\theta)$  then yields

$$|a_{jn}|, |b_{jn}| \leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{-1} \nu[(y_j - Py_j)'] \quad (6.4)$$

Now

$$(y_2 - Py_2)' = -g_1 x_1 - g_3 x_1^3 - h x_2 + P(g_1 x_1 + g_3 x_1^3 + h x_2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu[(y_2 - Py_2)'] &= \nu\{g_1(x_1 - Px_1) + g_3(x_1^3 - Px_1^3) + h(x_2 - Px_2)\} \\ &\leq |g_1| \nu(x_1 - Px_1) + |h| \nu(x_2 - Px_2) + |g_3| \{\nu[(Px_1)^3 - P(Px_1)^3] \\ &\quad + 3\nu[\dots] + 3\nu[\dots] + \nu[\dots]\} \end{aligned}$$

in a closely similar manner to (5.9). Thus

$$\nu[(y_2 - Py_2)'] \leq 5^{-1} N |a_e|$$

where

$$N = \left\{ \left( |g_1| + 5|h| \right) \delta + \frac{1}{3} |k_3| |g_1 - 1| \left[ 5\phi(\lambda) + 3\tau_1^2(\lambda)\delta + 3\tau_1(\lambda)\rho_1\delta + \rho_1^2\delta \right] \right\} \quad (6.5)$$

Substitution into (6.4) then gives

$$|a_{2n}|, |b_{2n}| \leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} 5^{-1} n^{-1} N |a_e| \quad (6.6)$$

From (4.3)  $a_{1n} = n^{-1} b_{2n}$  and  $b_{1n} = -n^{-1} a_{2n}$ ,

thus

$$|a_{1n}|, |b_{1n}| \leq 2^{\frac{1}{2}} 5^{-1} n^{-2} N |a_e| \quad (6.7)$$

As a preliminary to determining  $|\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}|$ , etc. the following relations will be required:

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{11} \sin \theta + b_{11} \cos \theta + a_{13} \sin 3\theta + b_{13} \cos 3\theta)^2 \sin \theta \\ &= {}_s\gamma_1 \sin \theta + {}_c\gamma_1 \cos \theta + {}_s\gamma_3 \sin 3\theta + \dots + {}_c\gamma_7 \cos 7\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (6.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{11} \sin \theta + b_{11} \cos \theta + a_{13} \sin 3\theta + b_{13} \cos 3\theta)^2 \cos \theta \\ &= {}_s\xi_1 \sin \theta + {}_c\xi_1 \cos \theta + {}_s\xi_3 \sin 3\theta + \dots + {}_c\xi_7 \cos 7\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (6.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{11} \sin \theta + b_{11} \cos \theta + a_{13} \sin 3\theta + b_{13} \cos 3\theta)^2 \sin 3\theta \\ &= {}_s\eta_1 \sin \theta + {}_c\eta_1 \cos \theta + {}_s\eta_3 \sin 3\theta + \dots + {}_c\eta_9 \cos 9\theta \end{aligned} \quad (6.10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{11} \sin \theta + b_{11} \cos \theta + a_{13} \sin 3\theta + b_{13} \cos 3\theta)^2 \cos 3\theta \\ &= {}_s\xi_1 \sin \theta + {}_c\xi_1 \cos \theta + {}_s\xi_3 \sin 3\theta + \dots + {}_c\xi_9 \cos 9\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (6.11)$$

where

$${}_s\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{4} (3a_{11}^2 + b_{11}^2 + 2a_{13}^2 + 2b_{13}^2 - 2a_{11}a_{13} - 2b_{11}b_{13})$$

$${}_c\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2} (a_{11}b_{11} + b_{11}a_{13} - a_{11}b_{13})$$

$${}_s\gamma_3 = a_{11}a_{13} - \frac{1}{4} (a_{11}^2 - b_{11}^2)$$



$${}_c\gamma_3 = -\frac{1}{2}a_{11}(b_{11} - 2b_{13})$$

$${}_s\gamma_5 = \frac{1}{2}[-a_{11}a_{13} + b_{11}b_{13} + \frac{1}{2}(a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)]$$

$${}_c\gamma_5 = -\frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{13} + b_{11}a_{13} + a_{13}b_{13})$$

$${}_s\gamma_7 = -\frac{1}{4}(a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)$$

$${}_c\gamma_7 = \frac{1}{2}a_{13}b_{13}$$

$${}_s\xi_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{11} + b_{11}a_{13} - a_{11}b_{13})$$

$${}_c\xi_1 = \frac{1}{4}(a_{11}^2 + 3b_{11}^2 + 2a_{13}^2 + 2b_{13}^2 + 2a_{11}a_{13} + 2b_{11}b_{13})$$

$${}_s\xi_3 = \frac{1}{2}b_{11}(a_{11} + 2a_{13})$$

$${}_c\xi_3 = b_{11}b_{13} - \frac{1}{4}(a_{11}^2 - b_{11}^2)$$

$${}_s\xi_5 = \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{13} + b_{11}a_{13} + a_{13}b_{13})$$

$${}_c\xi_5 = \frac{1}{2}[-a_{11}a_{13} + b_{11}b_{13} - \frac{1}{2}(a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)]$$

$${}_s\xi_7 = \frac{1}{2}a_{13}b_{13}$$

$${}_c\xi_7 = -\frac{1}{4}(a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)$$

$${}_s\eta_1 = a_{11}a_{13} - \frac{1}{4}(a_{11}^2 - b_{11}^2)$$

$${}_c\eta_1 = \frac{1}{2}b_{11}(a_{11} + 2a_{13})$$

$${}_s\eta_3 = \frac{1}{4}(2a_{11}^2 + 2b_{11}^2 + 3a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)$$

$${}_c\eta_3 = \frac{1}{2}a_{13}b_{13}$$

$${}_s\eta_5 = \frac{1}{2}[a_{11}a_{13} + b_{11}b_{13} - \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}^2 - b_{11}^2)]$$

$${}_c\eta_5 = -\frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{11} + b_{11}a_{13} - a_{11}b_{13})$$

$$s_7^{\eta} = \frac{1}{2}(-a_{11}a_{13} + b_{11}b_{13})$$

$$c_7^{\eta} = -\frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{13} + b_{11}a_{13})$$

$$s_9^{\eta} = -\frac{1}{4}(a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)$$

$$c_9^{\eta} = -\frac{1}{2}a_{13}b_{13}$$

$$s_1^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}a_{11}(2b_{13} - b_{11})$$

$$c_1^{\xi} = b_{11}b_{13} - \frac{1}{4}(a_{11}^2 - b_{11}^2)$$

$$s_3^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}a_{13}b_{13}$$

$$c_3^{\xi} = \frac{1}{4}(2a_{11}^2 + 2b_{11}^2 + a_{13}^2 + 3b_{13}^2)$$

$$s_5^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{11} + b_{11}a_{13} - a_{11}b_{13})$$

$$c_5^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}[a_{11}a_{13} + b_{11}b_{13} - \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}^2 - b_{11}^2)]$$

$$s_7^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}(a_{11}b_{13} + b_{11}a_{13})$$

$$c_7^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}(-a_{11}a_{13} + b_{11}b_{13})$$

$$s_9^{\xi} = \frac{1}{2}a_{13}b_{13}$$

$$c_9^{\xi} = -\frac{1}{4}(a_{13}^2 - b_{13}^2)$$

From these, the following inequalities may be determined:

$$|s_5^{\gamma}|, |c_5^{\xi}| \leq \frac{1}{2}[\mu_1\mu_3 + \mu_2\mu_4 + \frac{1}{2}(\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2)] |a_e|^2$$

$$|c_5^{\gamma}|, |s_5^{\xi}| \leq \frac{1}{2}(\mu_1\mu_4 + \mu_2\mu_3 + \mu_3\mu_4) |a_e|^2$$

$$|s_7^{\gamma}|, |c_7^{\xi}| \leq \frac{1}{4}(\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{c}}\gamma_7|, |_{\text{s}}\xi_7| \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_3 \mu_4 |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{s}}\eta_5|, |_{\text{c}}\xi_5| \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \mu_1 \mu_3 + \mu_2 \mu_4 + \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2) \right] |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{c}}\eta_5|, |_{\text{s}}\xi_5| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_2 + \mu_2 \mu_3 + \mu_1 \mu_4) |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{s}}\eta_7|, |_{\text{c}}\xi_7| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_3 + \mu_2 \mu_4) |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{c}}\eta_7|, |_{\text{s}}\xi_7| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_4 + \mu_2 \mu_3) |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{s}}\eta_9|, |_{\text{c}}\xi_9| \leq \frac{1}{4} (\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) |a_e|^2$$

$$|_{\text{c}}\eta_9|, |_{\text{s}}\xi_9| \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_3 \mu_4 |a_e|^2$$

From (3.20) the Fourier coefficients of  $y_1^3(\theta)$  may be obtained by the relations

$$\alpha_n = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} y_1^3(\theta) \sin n\theta \, d\theta \text{ and } \beta_n = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} y_1^3(\theta) \cos n\theta \, d\theta$$

Also for  $x$  in  $S^*$ ,  $Py = Px = x^*$ , and from (2.6) the Fourier coefficients of  $(x_1^*)^3 = (Py_1)^3$  are

$$\alpha_{no} = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (Py_1)^3 \sin n\theta \, d\theta \text{ and } \beta_{no} = \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (Py_1)^3 \cos n\theta \, d\theta$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_n - \alpha_{no} &= \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} [y_1^3 - (Py_1)^3] \sin n\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1) [(y_1 - Py_1)^2 + 3(y_1 - Py_1)(Py_1) + 3(Py_1)^2] \sin n\theta \, d\theta \\ &= {}_nJ_1 + 3 {}_nJ_2 + 3 {}_nJ_3 \end{aligned} \tag{6.12}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 |J_1| &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1)^3 \sin n\theta \, d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq 2|y_1 - Py_1|_{\text{Max.}} (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1)^2 \, d\theta = 2|y_1 - Py_1|_{\text{Max.}} [\nu(y_1 - Py_1)]^2 \\
 &\leq 2\rho_1 |a_e| [5^{-1} \nu(y - Py)]^2 \leq 2 \times 5^{-2} \rho_1 \delta^2 |a_e|^3, \\
 |J_2| &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1)^2 (Py_1) \sin n\theta \, d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq 2|Py_1|_{\text{Max.}} (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1)^2 \, d\theta = 2|Py_1|_{\text{Max.}} [\nu(y_1 - Py_1)]^2 \\
 &\leq 2\tau_1(\lambda) |a_e| [5^{-1} \nu(y - Py)]^2 \leq 2 \times 5^{-2} \tau_1(\lambda) \delta^2 |a_e|^3, \\
 |J_3| &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1)(Py_1)^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \right|,
 \end{aligned}$$

which from (6.8) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 |J_3| &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (a_{15} \sin 5\theta + b_{15} \cos 5\theta + \dots)(s\gamma_1 \sin \theta + \dots + c\gamma_7 \cos 7\theta) \, d\theta \right| \\
 &= |a_{15} s\gamma_5 + b_{15} c\gamma_5 + a_{17} s\gamma_7 + b_{17} c\gamma_7|
 \end{aligned}$$

and upon substituting for  $|a_{15}|$ ,  $|s\gamma_5|$ , .... etc. this becomes

$$|J_3| \leq |j_3| |a_e|^3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 |j_3| &= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} N \left\{ 5^{-2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_3 + \mu_2 \mu_4) + \frac{1}{4} (\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_4 + \mu_2 \mu_3 + \mu_3 \mu_4) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 7^{-2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} (\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) + \frac{1}{2} \mu_3 \mu_4 \right] \right\}; \quad (6.13)
 \end{aligned}$$

similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 |J_3| &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (y_1 - Py_1)(Py_1)^2 \sin 3\theta \, d\theta \right| \\
 &= \left| \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} (a_{15} \sin 5\theta + b_{15} \cos 5\theta + \dots)(s_1 \sin \theta + \dots + c_9 \cos 9\theta) d\theta \right| \\
 &= |a_{15} s_5 + b_{15} c_5 + a_{17} s_7 + b_{17} c_7 + a_{19} s_9 + b_{19} c_9|
 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$|J_3| \leq |j_3| |a_e|^3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 |j_3| &= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} N \left\{ 5^{-2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_3 + \mu_2 \mu_4) + \frac{1}{4} (\mu_1^2 + \mu_2^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_2 + \mu_2 \mu_3 + \mu_1 \mu_4) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 7^{-2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_3 + \mu_2 \mu_4) + \frac{1}{2} (\mu_1 \mu_4 + \mu_2 \mu_3) \right] + 9^{-2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} (\mu_3^2 + \mu_4^2) + \frac{1}{2} \mu_3 \mu_4 \right] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6.14}$$

It follows that

$$|\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}| \leq \{ 5^{-2} [2\rho_1 + 6\tau_1(\lambda)] \delta^2 + 3 |j_3| \} |a_e|^3$$

and

$$|\alpha_3 - \alpha_{30}| \leq \{ 5^{-2} [2\rho_1 + 6\tau_1(\lambda)] \delta^2 + 3 |j_3| \} |a_e|^3.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta_n - \beta_{no} &= \pi^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} [y_1^3 - (Py_1)^3] \cos n\theta \, d\theta \\
 &= {}_nL_1 + 3 {}_nL_2 + 3 {}_nL_3,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6.15}$$

where

$$|{}_nL_1| \leq 2 \times 5^{-2} \rho_1 \delta^2 |a_e|^3,$$

$$|{}_nL_2| \leq 2 \times 5^{-2} \tau_1(\lambda) \delta^2 |a_e|^3,$$

$$|{}_1L_3| \leq |{}_1\ell_3| |a_e|^3$$

$$|{}_3L_3| \leq |{}_3\ell_3| |a_e|^3$$

$$|{}_1\ell_3| = |{}_1j_3| \text{ and } |{}_3\ell_3| = |{}_3j_3|.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}| \\ |\beta_1 - \beta_{10}| \end{aligned} \leq \left\{ 5^{-2} [2\rho_1 + 6\tau_1(\lambda)] \delta^2 + 3 |{}_1j_3| \right\} |a_e|^3 \quad (6.16)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_3 - \alpha_{30}| \\ |\beta_3 - \beta_{30}| \end{aligned} \leq \left\{ 5^{-2} [2\rho_1 + 6\tau_1(\lambda)] \delta^2 + 3 |{}_3j_3| \right\} |a_e|^3 \quad (6.17)$$

#### 7. An Estimate for $\text{lub}|(u,v) - 0|$ .

Since  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  define the cell  $\Lambda$ , and hence  $S^*$ , it is clear that if  $S^*$  is to contain the proposed exact solution then  $\Lambda$  must contain the point  $(a_1, b_1, a_3, b_3)$  defined by the leading coefficients of the exact solution and  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  must be chosen so as to make this possible. Now

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |a_1| &= |(1 + \epsilon_1)a_e| \leq (1 + |\epsilon_1|) |a_e| \\ |b_1| &= |(k_1 + \epsilon_2)a_e| \leq (|k_1| + |\epsilon_2|) |a_e| \\ |a_3| &= |\epsilon_3 a_e| \leq |\epsilon_3| |a_e| \\ |b_3| &= |\epsilon_4 a_e| \leq |\epsilon_4| |a_e| \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7.1)$$

and if  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  are chosen so that



which, from equations (2.16) to (2.19) become

$$v_1/a_e = (g_1 - 1)\epsilon_1 - h\epsilon_2 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{(3 + k_1^2)\epsilon_1 + 2k_1\epsilon_2 + (k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_3 - 2k_1\epsilon_4 + \frac{4}{3}G_1\} - h k_1 \quad (7.5)$$

$$u_1/a_e = (g_1 - 1)\epsilon_2 + h\epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{2k_1\epsilon_1 + (1 + 3k_1^2)\epsilon_2 + 2k_1\epsilon_3 + (k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_4 + \frac{4}{3}G_2\} + h \quad (7.6)$$

$$v_3/a_e = (g_1 - 9)\epsilon_3 - 3h\epsilon_4 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{(k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_1 + 2k_1\epsilon_2 + 2(1 + k_1^2)\epsilon_3 + \frac{4}{3}G_3\} \quad (7.7)$$

$$u_3/a_e = (g_1 - 9)\epsilon_4 + 3h\epsilon_3 + \frac{1}{4}k_3(g_1 - 1)\{-2k_1\epsilon_1 + (k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_2 + 2(1 + k_1^2)\epsilon_4 + \frac{4}{3}G_4\}, \quad (7.8)$$

where  $G_1, \dots, G_4$  are given by equations (2.20) to (2.23). Thus  $C_0$  is given by  $M_0 \Lambda_B$ , where  $M_0$  is defined by equations (7.5) to (7.8) and the distance

$$|(u, v) - 0| = |\{v_1^2 + u_1^2 + v_3^2 + u_3^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}| \quad (7.9)$$

In order to employ the inequality (3.27) it is required to determine  $\text{lub}|(u, v) - 0|$ . Formally it is not a difficult problem to determine the minima of  $|(u, v) - 0|$ , however, this process involves the solution of a set of simultaneous equations of third degree, a task which it is required to avoid. This difficulty may, to some extent, be overcome by the use of the inequality

$$\text{lub}|(u, v) - 0| \geq |\{( \text{lub } v_1)^2 + ( \text{lub } u_1)^2 + ( \text{lub } v_3)^2 + ( \text{lub } u_3)^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}| \quad (7.10)$$

which, when one of the components is dominant, usefully reduces to

$$\text{lub}|(u, v) - 0| \geq \text{lub} \begin{cases} |v_1| \\ |u_1| \\ |v_3| \\ |u_3| \end{cases} \quad (7.11)$$

The use of the right hand side of (7.10), in place of  $\text{lub}|(u, v) - 0|$ , in (3.27) will usually underestimate the size of the region in the  $g_1, g_3, h, \Gamma$  space



for which the existence theorem can be proved to be satisfied. Nevertheless, valuable results can still be obtained by its use.

Consider the evaluation of  $\text{lub } v_1$ . It is first required to determine whether any minima exist in  $v_1$  as  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  vary over  $\Lambda_B$ . Differentiating (7.5) gives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_1} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (3 + k_1^2) + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_1} \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_2} &= \left\{ -h + (g_1 - 1) \left[ \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_2} \right] \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_3} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_3} \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_4} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_4} \right\} a_e \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7.12)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_1} &= \frac{3}{2} \{ 3\epsilon_1 + k_1(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_4) - \epsilon_3 \} + \frac{3}{4} \{ 3\epsilon_1^2 + \epsilon_2^2 + 2(\epsilon_3^2 + \epsilon_4^2) \} \\ \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_2} &= \frac{3}{2} \{ k_1(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3) + \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_4 + \epsilon_1(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_4) + k_1\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 \} \\ \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_3} &= \frac{3}{2} (-\epsilon_1 + k_1\epsilon_2 + 2\epsilon_3) + 3\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 + \frac{3}{4} (k_1\epsilon_2^2 - \epsilon_1^2) \\ \text{and} \\ \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial \epsilon_4} &= \frac{3}{2} \{ -k_1\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2 + 2\epsilon_4 + \epsilon_1(2\epsilon_4 - \epsilon_2) \} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7.13)$$

Now in the subsequent analysis the values of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  will be chosen so that the values of  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  on  $\Lambda$  are, at most, of the first order of small quantities compared with unity, and  $g_1$  will be assumed to be other than unity.

Thus from (7.13), the derivatives  $\partial G_1/\partial \epsilon_1, \dots, \partial G_1/\partial \epsilon_4$  are, at most, of the first order of small quantities. It follows that the derivatives  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_1, \dots, \partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_4$  can only be zero if the terms not dependent on  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  in (7.12) are zero. Taking these in turn

$$|g_1 - 1| \left| 1 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (3 + k_1^2) \right| > 0$$

$$|-h + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 - 1) k_1 k_3| \geq 0$$

$$|g_1 - 1| \left| \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) \right| > 0$$

$$|g_1 - 1| \left| \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_2 \right| > 0,$$

thus it is possible for  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_2$  and  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_4$  to be zero in this range of  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$ , but not  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_1$  or  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_3$ . Now with  $\epsilon_1 = 1 - \mu_1$  or  $\epsilon_1 = \mu_1 - 1$  on  $\Lambda_B$ , the least condition for a minimum is

$$\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_2} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_3} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_4} = 0.$$

But  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_3 \neq 0$  in this range, so that there can be no minimum on the part of  $\Lambda_B$  defined by  $\epsilon_1 = 1 - \mu_1$  or  $\epsilon_1 = \mu_1 - 1$ . Similarly with  $\epsilon_2 = k_1 - \mu_2$  or  $\epsilon_2 = \mu_2 - k_1$  on  $\Lambda_B$ , the least condition for a minimum is

$$\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_1} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_3} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial \epsilon_4} = 0.$$

But  $\partial v_1/\partial \epsilon_1 \neq 0$  in this range, so that there can be no minimum on the part of  $\Lambda_B$  defined by  $\epsilon_2 = \pm(k_1 - \mu_2)$ . Similar arguments apply to the parts of  $\Lambda_B$  defined by  $\epsilon_3 = \pm\mu_3$  and  $\epsilon_4 = \pm\mu_4$ . Since there are no minima in  $v_1(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4)$  for  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  in  $\Lambda_B$ , it may be concluded that  $\text{lub } v_1$  is the value of  $v_1$  at one of the sixteen combinations of extreme values of  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$ . The values of  $|v_1|$  at these combinations of extreme values may conveniently be called "corner values",  $(v_1)_c$ , as in Ref. 1. Direct comparison of these corner values then yields the least value

$$\left[ \min(v_1)_c \right]_{\Lambda_B} = \text{lub } v_1 \quad (7.14)$$

Consider now  $\text{lub } u_1$ . Differentiating (7.6) gives

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \epsilon_1} &= \left\{ h + (g_1 - 1) \left[ \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_1} \right] \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \epsilon_2} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (1 + 3k_1^2) + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_2} \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \epsilon_3} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_3} \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \epsilon_4} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_4} \right\} a_e \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7.15)$$

where  $\partial G_2 / \partial \epsilon_1, \dots, \partial G_2 / \partial \epsilon_4$  may be obtained from (2.21).

In Case (ii) the partial derivatives  $\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_2$ ,  $\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_3$  and  $\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_4$  cannot be zero, and therefore,  $\text{lub } u_1$  corresponds to the least corner value.

In Case (i)

$$h + \frac{1}{2} (g_1 - 1) k_1 k_3 = h, \quad 1 + \frac{1}{4} k_3 (1 + 3k_1^2) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 = 0, \quad \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) > 0,$$

and if  $h$  can be of the first order of small quantities then only  $\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_4$ , without further examination of the partial derivatives of  $G_2$ , can be guaranteed to be other than zero. For the parts of  $\Lambda_B$  defined by  $\epsilon_1 = \pm(1 - \mu_1)$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \pm(k_1 - \mu_2)$  and  $\epsilon_3 = \pm\mu_3$ , respectively, it is clear that the least condition for a minimum cannot be satisfied, because  $\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_4 \neq 0$ . When  $\epsilon_4 = \pm\mu_4$  the least condition for a minimum in  $u_1$  on the appropriate part of  $M_O \Lambda_B$  is

$$\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_1 = \left\{ h - \frac{4}{3} (g_1 - 1) \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_1} \right\} a_e = 0$$

$$\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_2 = -\frac{4}{3} (g_1 - 1) a_e \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_2} = 0$$

$$\partial u_1 / \partial \epsilon_3 = -\frac{4}{3} (g_1 - 1) a_e \frac{\partial G_2}{\partial \epsilon_3} = 0$$

or, excluding the conditions  $g_1 = 1$ ,  $a_e = 0$ , these become

$$h - 2(g_1 - 1)(\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_4 + \epsilon_1\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_2\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_1\epsilon_4) = 0 \quad (7.16)$$

$$\frac{3}{2}(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3) + \frac{3}{4}(\epsilon_1^2 + 3\epsilon_2^2 + 2\epsilon_3^2 + 2\epsilon_4^2) + \frac{3}{2}(\epsilon_1\epsilon_3 + \epsilon_2\epsilon_4) = 0 \quad (7.17)$$

$$\frac{3}{2}\epsilon_2(1 + \epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_3) = 0 \quad (7.18)$$

Now  $1 + \epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_3 \neq 0$ , thus from (7.18),  $\epsilon_2 = 0$  at the minima.

Substituting  $\epsilon_2 = 0$  in (7.16) reduces this to

$$h + 2(g_1 - 1)(1 + \epsilon_1)\epsilon_4 = 0$$

If now  $h$  is chosen sufficiently small for

$$\mu_4 > |h/2(g_1 - 1)| \quad (7.19)$$

then the above equation cannot be satisfied and there can be no minima for  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  in  $\Lambda_B$  defined by  $\epsilon_4 = \pm\mu_4$ . Thus  $\text{lub } u_1$  is the least corner value.

From (7.7)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_1} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_1} \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_2} &= (g_1 - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_2} \right\} a_e \\ \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_3} &= \left[ (g_1 - 9) + (g_1 - 1) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} k_3 (1 + k_1^2) + \frac{1}{3} k_3 \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_3} \right\} \right] a_e \\ \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_4} &= \left\{ -3h + \frac{1}{3} k_3 (g_1 - 1) \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_4} \right\} a_e \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7.20)$$

Now in Case (ii) both

$$\frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) < 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 < 0$$

so that  $\text{lub } v_3$  corresponds to the least corner value. In Case (i)

$$\frac{1}{4} k_3 (k_1^2 - 1) > 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} k_1 k_3 = 0.$$

Thus  $\partial v_3 / \partial \epsilon_1 \neq 0$  and there can be no minima in  $v_3$  for the parts of  $\Lambda_B$  defined by  $\epsilon_2 = \pm(k_1 - \mu_2)$ ,  $\epsilon_3 = \pm\mu_3$  and  $\epsilon_4 = \pm\mu_4$ , respectively. When  $\epsilon_1 = \pm(1 - \mu_1)$  the least condition for a minimum in  $v_3$  on the appropriate part of  $M_O \Lambda_B$  is

$$\frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_2} = -\frac{4}{3}(g_1 - 1) \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_2} a_e = 0 \quad (7.21)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_3} = \left[ g_1 - 9 - (g_1 - 1) \left\{ 2 + \frac{4}{3} \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_3} \right\} \right] a_e = 0 \quad (7.22)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_3}{\partial \epsilon_4} = \left\{ -3h - \frac{4}{3}(g_1 - 1) \frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_4} \right\} a_e = 0 \quad (7.23)$$

Now

$$\frac{\partial G_3}{\partial \epsilon_2} = \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_2 (1 + \epsilon_1 + 2\epsilon_3),$$

therefore the condition (7.21) is satisfied by  $\epsilon_2 = 0$ . Also it may be seen that (7.22) cannot be satisfied for  $-6 < g_1$ , and there can be no minima. Thus  $\text{lub } v_3$  corresponds to the least corner value.

A closely similar analysis shows that in Case (ii)  $\text{lub } u_3$  corresponds to the least corner value, whilst in Case (i) this is again true provided that  $-6 < g_1$ .

Summarizing these results, it follows that if  $\mu_1 = 1$ ,  $\mu_2 = k_1$ ,  $\mu_3$  and  $\mu_4$  are chosen to be, at most, of the first order of small quantities, then in Case (ii)

$$\text{lub} |(u, v) - 0| > \left| \left\{ \left[ \min(v_1)_c \right]^2 + \dots + \left[ \min(u_3)_c \right]^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right|_{\Lambda_B} \quad (7.24)$$

If, in Case (i), the additional conditions (7.19) and  $-6 < g_1$  are met then  $\text{lub} |(u, v) - 0|$  is again given by (7.24). The restriction on  $h$  and  $g_1$  imposed in Case (i) may seem undesirable, however, it will be seen that these conditions are no more restrictive than further conditions imposed in Section 8.

# 8. Application of the Proof Existence When $|g_1 - 1|$ or $h$ are Small

Some guidance to the choice of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  may be obtained from the linearized second approximations obtained in Section 2. It can be seen from these that provided  $h$  is taken sufficiently small then  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_4$  will always be small. These values may be written

$$|\epsilon_{i1}| = |\Omega_1 \Phi_{i1}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)| = E_{i1} |h|, \quad (8.1)$$

which define a four-cell,  $\Lambda_\epsilon$ . A satisfactory choice for  $\Lambda$  is then a cell slightly larger than  $\Lambda_\epsilon$  and such that  $\Lambda_\epsilon$  is contained in the interior of  $\Lambda$ . For this purpose the values of  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_4$  defining  $\Lambda$  may be chosen to be

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= 1 + (1 + \xi)E_{11}|h| \\ \mu_2 &= |k_1| + (1 + \xi)E_{21}|h| \\ \mu_3 &= (1 + \xi)E_{31}|h| \\ \mu_4 &= (1 + \xi)E_{41}|h| \end{aligned} \right\}, \xi > 0 \quad (8.2)$$

It then follows from (5.6) that

$$\tau_1 = (1 + |k_1|) + (1 + \xi)|h| \Sigma E_{i1} = T_0 + T_1 |h| \quad (8.3)$$

and from (5.14) and (5.17) that  $\phi$  may be expressed in the form

$$\phi = \phi_1 |h| + \phi_2 |h|^2 + \phi_3 |h|^3, \quad \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 > 0 \quad (8.4)$$

The simultaneous inequalities (5.32) to (5.34) may, alternatively be written as the equations

$$(|g_1| + 5|h|)\delta + \frac{1}{3}|k_3||g_1 - 1|(5\phi + 3\tau_1^2\delta + 3\tau_1\rho_1\delta + \rho_1^2\delta) = B\delta \quad (8.5)$$

$$(|g_1| + 5|h|)\delta + \frac{1}{3}|k_3||g_1 - 1|(5\phi + 3\tau_1^2\delta + 3\tau_1\rho_1\delta + \rho_1^2\delta) = D\rho_2 \quad (8.6)$$

$$\rho_1 = A\delta, \quad (8.7)$$

with

$$A \geq 0.4952, 0 \leq B \leq 25, 0 \leq D \leq 10.098.$$

Similarly the contraction condition (5.42) may be written as

$$|g_1| + 5|h| + |k_3||g_1 - 1|(\tau_1 + \rho_1)^2 = C \quad (8.8)$$

with

$$0 < C < 25$$

Substituting from (8.7) into (8.5) and (8.8) and writing

$$H = |k_3||g_1 - 1| \quad (8.9)$$

then gives

$$A^2\delta^3 + 3\tau_1 A\delta^2 + \{3(|g_1| + 5|h| - B)/H + 3\tau_1^2\}\delta + 5\phi = 0 \quad (8.10)$$

and

$$(|g_1| + 5|h| - C)/H + (\tau_1 + A\delta)^2 = 0 \quad (8.11)$$

From (8.11)

$$(|g_1| + 5|h| - B)/H = (C - B)/H - (\tau_1 + A\delta)^2,$$

which upon substitution into (8.10) gives

$$2A^2\delta^3 + 3A\tau_1\delta^2 + 3(B - C)\delta/H - 5\phi = 0 \quad (8.12)$$

The significance of equation (8.6) is that it defines  $\rho_2$  and hence by (5.41),  $R_2$ .

Since by definition,  $\delta$  must be real and positive, then only the real and positive roots of the cubic (8.12) are relevant. For the present purpose it is convenient to restrict the choice of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $H$  and hence  $\tau_1$  and  $\phi$  to ranges of values which cause (8.12) to have only one positive real root and such that this root is small. This choice is possible may be seen by writing (8.12) in the form

$$\delta = \frac{|H|}{3(B - C)} \{5\phi - 3A\tau_1\delta^2 - 2A^2\delta^3\} \quad (8.13)$$

and observing that, with A not too large and  $B > C$ , it is possible to obtain small positive values of  $\delta$  which satisfy the expression by choosing  $|h|$  and hence  $\phi$  small, or by choosing H small. In the latter case, however, the choice of  $|h|$  and hence  $\phi$  is not unrestricted. Alternatively, the ranges of the variables which ensure that there is only one real and positive value of  $\delta$  may be obtained more precisely from the relations given by Neumark in Ref. 6, p. 5, Case (A).

From (8.13) it follows that there exists a positive root

$$\delta < \frac{5H\phi}{3(B-C)} = \frac{5H}{3(B-C)} (\phi_1|h| + \phi_2|h|^2 + \phi_3|h|^3) \quad (8.14)$$

From (6.5), (8.5) and (8.14)

$$N = B\delta < \frac{5H\phi}{3(B-C)} \quad (8.15)$$

and from (6.13)  $|{}_1j_3|$  may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} |{}_1j_3| &= 5^{-1}N(J_1|h| + J_2|h|^2), \quad J_1, J_2 > 0 \\ &< \frac{B H \phi}{3(B-C)} (J_1|h| + J_2|h|^2) \end{aligned} \quad (8.16)$$

Thus from (6.16), (8.7) and (8.3)

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}| \\ |\beta_1 - \beta_{10}| \end{aligned} \leq \left\{ 5^{-2} [2A\delta + 6(T_0 + T_1|h|)] \delta^2 + 3|{}_1j_3| \right\} |a_e|^3,$$

which upon further substitution from (8.16), (8.14) and (8.4) gives

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_1 - \alpha_{10}| \\ |\beta_1 - \beta_{10}| \end{aligned} \leq \frac{H}{B-C} \{ X_2|h|^2 + \dots + X_9|h|^9 \} |a_e|^3, \quad X_2, \dots, X_9 > 0 \quad (8.17)$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_3 - \alpha_{30}| \\ |\beta_3 - \beta_{30}| \end{aligned} \leq \frac{H}{B-C} \{ Y_2|h|^2 + \dots + Y_9|h|^9 \} |a_e|^3, \quad Y_2, \dots, Y_9 > 0 \quad (8.18)$$

Substituting from (8.17) and (8.18) into (3.26) gives

$$|(U, V) - (u, v)|$$



$$< \left\{ 2(X_2|h|^2 + \dots + X_9|h|^9)^2 + 2(Y_2|h|^2 + \dots + Y_9|h|^9)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{|g_3||a_e|^3 H}{|B-C|}$$

Or, upon the further substitution

$$|g_3||a_e|^2 = H/3$$

the inequality becomes

$$|(U, V) - (u, v)| < \frac{H^2|a_e|}{|B-C|} \{Z_2|h|^2 + \dots + Z_9|h|^9\}$$

or

$$|b|(U, V) - (u, v)| < \frac{H^2|a_e|}{|B-C|} \{Z_2|h|^2 + \dots + Z_9|h|^9\}, \quad (8.19)$$

where  $Z_2, \dots, Z_9 > 0$ . This quantity may be made as small as desired by taking  $H$  or  $|h|$  sufficiently small.

To establish the proof when only  $h$  is small it will be observed that

$$(u_3)_c/a_e = \pm(g_1 - 9)\mu_4 \pm 3h\mu_3 + (g_1 - 1)\left\{\pm\frac{1}{2}k_1k_3(\mu_1 - 1) \pm\frac{1}{4}k_3(k_1^2 - 1)(\mu_2 - k_1) \pm\frac{1}{2}k_3(1 + k_1^2)\mu_4 + \frac{1}{3}k_3(G_4)_c\right\}$$

From (2.23) and (8.2)  $(G_4)_c$  must have the form

$$(G_4)_c = G_{42}|h|^2 + G_{43}|h|^3,$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (u_3)_c/a_e = & \pm(g_1 - 9)(1 + \xi)E_{41}|h| \pm 3h(1 + \xi)E_{31}|h| \\ & + (g_1 - 1)\left\{\pm\frac{1}{2}k_1k_3(1 + \xi)E_{11}|h| \pm\frac{1}{4}k_3(k_1^2 - 1)(1 + \xi)E_{21}|h| \right. \\ & \left. \pm\frac{1}{2}k_3(1 + k_1^2)(1 + \xi)E_{41}|h| \pm\frac{1}{3}k_3(G_{42}|h|^2 + G_{43}|h|^3)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the minimum corner value of  $u_3$  on  $\Lambda_B$  has the form

$$\left| \min (u_3)_c \right|_{\Lambda_B} = \{L_1|h| + L_2|h|^2 + L_3|h|^3\}|a_e|, \quad L_1, L_2, L_3 > 0$$

or

$$\text{lub}|(u, v) - 0| \geq \text{lub}|u_3| = L_1|h| + L_2|h|^2 + L_3|h|^3 \quad (8.20)$$

Thus from (8.19) and (8.20), with  $|h|$  chosen to be sufficiently small,

$$\text{glb}|(U, V) - (u, v)| < \text{lub}|(u, v) - 0|$$

and from (3.27) the desired result follows. This does not mean that the result holds for arbitrary finite  $g_1$  since this is also governed by the contraction condition (5.42). The limiting values of  $g_1$  may be obtained by putting  $h \rightarrow 0$  and  $C = 24.99 \dots$  in (5.42). Thus  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow T_0$  and the equations for the limiting value become

$$|g_1| + 4|g_1 - 1| = 24.99 \dots \quad \text{Case (i)}$$

and

$$|g_1| + (1 + 3^{\frac{1}{2}})^2|g_1 - 1| = 24.99 \dots \quad \text{Case (ii),}$$

the solutions of which are

$$g_1 = 5.8 \text{ and } -4.2 \quad \text{Case (i)}$$

and

$$g_1 = 3.83 \text{ and } -2.06 \quad \text{Case (ii)}$$

This means that for  $h$  vanishingly small the subharmonic solution (2.3) exists for  $g_1$  in the interval  $5.8 \geq g_1 \geq -4.2$ , Case (i) and  $3.83 \geq g_1 \geq -2.06$ , Case (ii). With increasing values of  $h$  these intervals decrease in size.

To establish the proof with only  $|g_1 - 1|$  small consider

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lub } v_1 = \min & \left( [(g_1 - 1)\epsilon_1 - h(k_1 + \epsilon_2) + (g_1 - 1)\left\{\frac{1}{4}k_3(3 + k_1^2)\epsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1k_3\epsilon_2 \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{4}k_3(k_1^2 - 1)\epsilon_3 - \frac{1}{2}k_1k_3\epsilon_4 + \frac{1}{3}k_3G_1\right\}]a_e \right)_c \quad \left| \Lambda_B \right. \end{aligned} \quad (8.21)$$

Now as  $(g_1 - 1) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $H \rightarrow 0$  and

$$\text{lub}|u_3| \rightarrow \left| \min \{ -h(k_1 + \epsilon_2)a_e \}_c \right| \Lambda_B \geq (|k_1| - |\epsilon_2|)|h||a_e|$$

Provided that  $h$  is not large enough to make  $|\epsilon_2| = |k_1|$  then it follows that for  $(g_1 - 1)$  sufficiently small

$$\text{glb}|(U, V) - (u, v)| < \text{lub}|v_1| \leq \text{lub}|(u, v) - 0|$$

and the desired result follows from (3.27).

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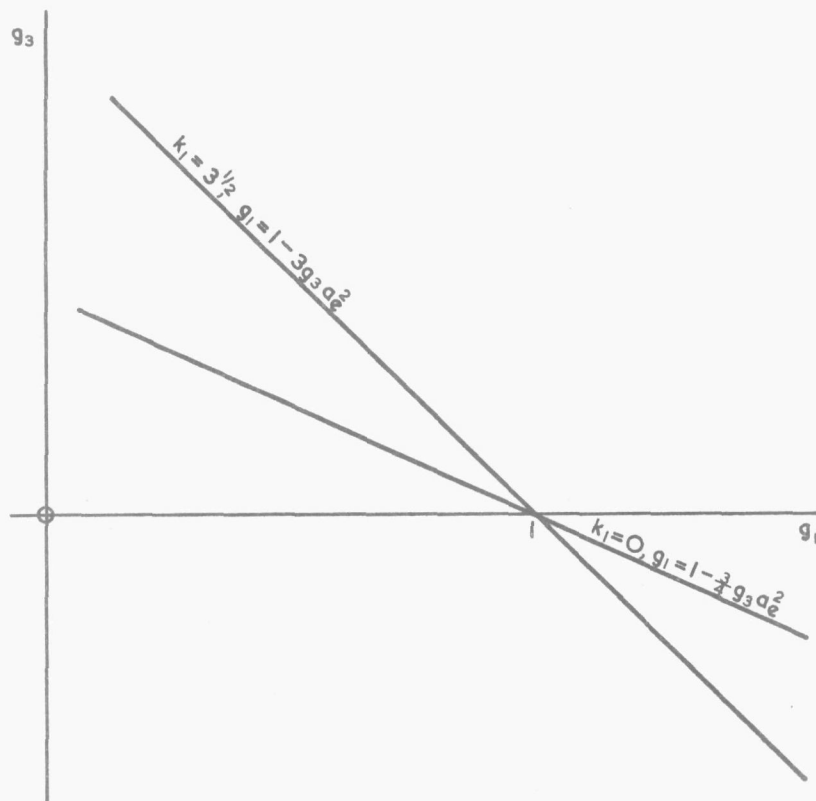


FIG.1. REGIONS OF EXISTENCE OF PURE SUBHARMONICS.  
IN THE  $g_1, g_3$  PLANE.