



Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane: Properties, classification and applications

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Abstract

We study Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane, i.e. systems of first-order differential equations describing the integral curves of a t -dependent vector field taking values in a finite-dimensional real Lie algebra of planar Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a Poisson structure. We start with the local classification of finite-dimensional real Lie algebras of vector fields on the plane obtained in González-López, Kamran, and Olver (1992) [23] and we interpret their results as a local classification of Lie systems. By determining which of these real Lie algebras consist of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to a Poisson structure, we provide the complete local classification of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane. We present and study through our results new Lie–Hamilton systems of interest which are used to investigate relevant non-autonomous differential equations, e.g. we get explicit local diffeomorphisms between such systems. We also analyse biomathematical models, the Milne–Pinney equations, second-order Kummer–Schwarz equations, complex Riccati equations and Buchdahl equations.

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1. Introduction

The relevance of nonautonomous differential equations is undoubtable both from the mathematical viewpoint and also from their overwhelming applications. In this work we will get a deeper insight into a particular class of systems of differential equations, the so-called Lie systems, which have drawn some attention during the past recent years due to their geometric properties and applications. For instance, the general solution for a Lie system can be obtained in terms of a superposition rule (see [13] and references therein).

More explicitly, a *Lie system* is a system of first-order differential equations describing the integral curves of a t -dependent vector field taking values in a finite-dimensional real Lie algebra of vector fields, a *Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra* [13,30]. Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebras determine the main properties of Lie systems, e.g. Lie systems related to a solvable Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra of right-invariant vector fields on a Lie group are integrable [12]. Although Lie systems are a quite restricted class of differential equations [13,25], very recurrent systems appearing in the literature, e.g. most types of Riccati and Kummer–Schwarz equations, can be studied through these systems [9,40]. In this paper, we aim to study *Lie–Hamilton systems* [1,4,13,15], which form a relevant subclass of Lie systems. Our concern in them relies on their frequent appearance in classical mechanics and their special characteristics: integrability, symmetries and superposition rules [1,4,10,32].

A natural problem in the theory of Lie systems is the classification of Lie systems on a fixed manifold, which amounts to classifying finite-dimensional Lie algebras of vector fields on it. Lie accomplished the local classification of finite-dimensional real Lie algebras of vector fields on the real line [29]. More precisely, he showed that each such a Lie algebra is locally diffeomorphic to a Lie subalgebra of $\langle \partial_x, x\partial_x, x^2\partial_x \rangle \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ on a neighbourhood of each *generic point* x_0 of the Lie algebra [23,29]. He also performed the local classification of finite-dimensional Lie algebras of vector fields on \mathbb{C} over the complex numbers [29] and, by an ingenious geometric argument and the previous result [23], the classification of finite-dimensional Lie algebras of vector fields on \mathbb{R}^2 over the reals in [31, p. 360].

Lie's local classification on the plane presented some unclear points which were misunderstood by several authors during the following decades. Later on, A. González-López, N. Kamran and P.J. Olver retook the problem and provided a clearer insight in [23]. Precisely, they proved in a modern geometric manner that every non-zero Lie algebra of vector fields on the plane is locally diffeomorphic around each generic point to one of the finite-dimensional real Lie algebras given in Section 3 of this work. For simplicity, we refer to this result as the *GKO classification*.

As every Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra on the plane is locally diffeomorphic around a generic point to a Lie algebra of the GKO classification, every Lie system on the plane is locally diffeomorphic to a Lie system taking values in a Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra within the GKO classification. So, the local properties of all Lie systems on the plane can be studied through the Lie systems related to the GKO classification. As a consequence, we say that the GKO classification gives the local classification of Lie systems on the plane.

The *minimal Lie algebra* of a Lie system is its smallest Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra [13]. In this paper we analyse the general properties of minimal Lie algebras of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane. We demonstrate that they are, around generic points, Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure. We also provide several results allowing us to determine their algebraic structure.

It is known that each Lie–Hamilton system on a manifold N gives rise to a t -dependent Hamiltonian $h : (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times N \mapsto h_t(x) \in N$ whose functions $\{h_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ and their successive Lie

brackets (with respect to the Lie bracket induced by certain Poisson structure) generate a finite-dimensional Lie algebra of functions: hereafter called a *Lie–Hamilton algebra* [15]. We obtain some findings concerning the structure of the different Lie–Hamilton algebras of a Lie–Hamilton system.

Based on the GKO classification and our previous achievements, we prove that a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields on the plane (with respect to a certain Poisson bivector) is locally diffeomorphic around a generic point to one of the twelve Lie algebras of Table 3. In this manner, we obtain the local classification of finite-dimensional Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields on the plane. Subsequently, we provide the local classification of Lie–Hamilton algebras on the plane, namely we prove that the restriction of such a Lie algebra around a generic point (of the associated Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields) is isomorphic to one of the Lie algebras indicated in Table 3 (explained in Section 6 and displayed in p. 2885). This is relevant to the theory of Lie–Hamilton systems because, for instance, the superposition rules and constants of motion of such systems can be obtained by applying the Poisson coalgebra approach to such Lie algebras [4,15].

Next, we detail some applications of our findings. By means of the GKO classification, we explain that Milne–Pinney equations [14,40] actually comprise *three* different systems (one of them is the harmonic oscillator with a t -dependent frequency). Likewise, we show that second-order Kummer–Schwarz equations [9] also cover *three* different systems and each of them is related to one of the above-mentioned three systems related to Milne–Pinney equations through a local diffeomorphism. Moreover, certain complex Riccati equations with t -dependent real coefficients [7,19,20] are shown to be locally diffeomorphic to only one of the above three systems. This retrieves known results about second-order Kummer–Schwarz and Milne–Pinney equations and describes new relations between these systems and complex Riccati equations. Furthermore, we show how Buchdahl equations [6,16,17], certain Lotka–Volterra systems [26,34,38] as well as some biological models [18] can be analysed through Lie–Hamilton systems. Indeed, we think that our techniques could be useful in different contexts.

The structure of this paper goes as follows. Section 2 is devoted to introducing the fundamental definitions employed throughout the paper. In Section 3, we survey some basic facts about the GKO classification. In Sections 4 and 5 we describe some new results on minimal Lie algebras and Lie–Hamilton algebras of functions on the plane. These two sections contain the necessary theory to provide the local classification of Lie–Hamilton systems and their Lie–Hamilton algebras in Section 6. Our main achievements are listed in Table 3. To illustrate our results, we investigate in Section 7 some Lie–Hamilton $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -systems on the plane, meanwhile applications to biological, physical and mathematical models are addressed in Section 8. We conclude in Section 9 with a brief summary of the results here presented, together with some comments on possible future research work on the subject.

2. Preliminaries

Let us detail the notation and the most basic results to be used in the paper (see [4,8–11,13,15] for details). We mostly assume mathematical objects to be smooth, real, and globally defined. This simplifies our presentation and is helpful in order to highlight its key points.

A Lie algebra is a pair $(V, [\cdot, \cdot])$, where V stands for a real linear space equipped with a Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot] : V \times V \rightarrow V$. We define $\text{Lie}(\mathcal{B}, V, [\cdot, \cdot])$ to be the smallest Lie subalgebra of $(V, [\cdot, \cdot])$ containing \mathcal{B} . When its meaning is clear, we write V and $\text{Lie}(\mathcal{B})$ instead of $(V, [\cdot, \cdot])$ and $\text{Lie}(\mathcal{B}, V, [\cdot, \cdot])$, respectively. Given two subsets $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \subset V$, we write $[\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}]$ for the linear space

spanned by the Lie brackets between elements of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} . Given a Lie algebra V of vector fields on a manifold N and an open subset $U \subset N$, we define $V|_U$ to be the space of restrictions of the elements of V to U . Note that $V|_U$ is still a Lie algebra of vector fields.

Definition 2.1. A t -dependent vector field on a manifold N is a mapping $X : \mathbb{R} \times N \rightarrow TN$ such that $\tau \circ X = \pi$ for $\pi : (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times N \mapsto x \in N$ and $\tau : TN \rightarrow N$ being the tangent bundle projection related to N .

Observe that every t -dependent vector field X gives rise to a family $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ of standard vector fields $X_t : x \in N \mapsto X(t, x) \in TN$ and vice versa [13].

Definition 2.2. The *minimal Lie algebra* of a t -dependent vector field X on N is the smallest real Lie algebra, let us say V^X , containing $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$, i.e. $V^X = \text{Lie}(\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}, [\cdot, \cdot])$.

Definition 2.3. An *integral curve* of a t -dependent vector field X is an integral curve $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times N$ of its *suspension*, namely the vector field $\tilde{X} = \partial_t + X(t, x)$ on $\mathbb{R} \times N$.

The integral curves of X of the form $\gamma : t \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto (t, x(t)) \in \mathbb{R} \times N$ are such that $x(t)$ is a particular solution of the system of first-order differential equations in normal form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = X(t, x),$$

the referred to as *associated system* of X . Conversely, given a system of first-order ordinary differential equations in normal form, we can define a t -dependent vector field X whose integral curves of the form $t \mapsto (t, x(t))$ are such that $x(t)$ is a particular solution of such a system. This justifies to write X for both a t -dependent vector field and its associated system [13].

Definition 2.4. A *Lie system* is a system X whose V^X is finite-dimensional.

Example 2.1. Consider the system of differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)x + a_2(t)(x^2 - y^2), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = a_1(t)y + a_2(t)2xy, \quad (2.1)$$

with $a_0(t), a_1(t), a_2(t)$ being arbitrary t -dependent real functions. This system is a particular type of planar Riccati equation briefly studied in [19]. By writing $z = x + iy$, we find that (2.1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)z + a_2(t)z^2, \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

which is a particular type of complex Riccati equations, whose study has attracted some attention. Particular solutions of periodic equations of this type have been investigated in [7,35] and other special types of complex Riccati equations appear in [20].

Every particular solution $(x(t), y(t))$ of (2.1) obeying that $y(t_0) = 0$ at $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies that $y(t) = 0$ for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$. In such a case, $x(t)$ is a particular solution of a *real* Riccati equation [40]. This suggests us to restrict ourselves to studying (2.1) on $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0} = \{(x, y) \mid y \neq 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

Let us show that (2.1) on $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$ is a Lie system. System (2.1) is related to the t -dependent vector field $X_t = a_0(t)X_1 + a_1(t)X_2 + a_2(t)X_3$, where

$$X_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_2 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_3 = (x^2 - y^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2xy \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \tag{2.2}$$

span a Vessiot–Guldberg real Lie algebra $V \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ (see P_2 in Table 1). Hence, $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \subset V^X \subset V$ and V^X is finite-dimensional, which turns X into a Lie system. It is worth noting that, to the best of our knowledge, this is the first time that it has been proved that complex Riccati equations with real t -dependent coefficients and planar Riccati equations can be studied through Lie systems. Moreover, it can also be demonstrated that complex Riccati equations with t -dependent complex coefficients can be investigated with a Lie system possessing a Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra isomorphic to $P_7 \simeq \mathfrak{so}(3, 1)$.

Definition 2.5. A system X is said to be a *Lie–Hamilton system* if V^X is a real finite-dimensional Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to some Poisson bivector.

Definition 2.6. A *Lie–Hamiltonian structure* is a triple (N, Λ, h) , where Λ is a Poisson bivector and $h : (t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times N \mapsto h_t(x) \equiv h(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}$ is such that $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \equiv \text{Lie}(\{h_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\Lambda)$, with $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_\Lambda$ being the Lie bracket induced by Λ [39], is finite-dimensional.

Theorem 2.7. A system X on N is a *Lie–Hamilton system* if and only if there exists a *Lie–Hamiltonian structure* (N, Λ, h) such that each X_t , with $t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a *Hamiltonian vector field* for the function h_t . In this case, we call $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\Lambda)$ a *Lie–Hamilton algebra* of X .

Lie–Hamilton algebras play a relevant rôle in studying Lie–Hamilton systems, e.g. they are employed to calculate superposition rules and constants of motion for these systems more easily than by standard methods [4].

Example 2.2. Let us show that planar Riccati equations (2.1) with $V^X \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ are Lie–Hamilton systems and derive a Lie–Hamiltonian structure and its associated Lie–Hamilton algebra. We start by searching a symplectic form, let us say $\omega = f(x, y)dx \wedge dy$, turning V^X into a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to it. To ensure that X_1, X_2 and X_3 given by (2.2) are locally Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to ω , we impose $\mathcal{L}_{X_i}\omega = 0$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$), where $\mathcal{L}_{X_i}\omega$ stands for the Lie derivative of ω relative to X_i . In coordinates, these conditions read

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + 2f = 0, \quad (x^2 - y^2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 2xy \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + 4xf = 0.$$

From the first equation $f = f(y)$. Using this in the second equation, we obtain a particular solution $f = y^{-2}$ (the third one is therefore automatically fulfilled), which leads to a closed and non-degenerate two-form on $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$, namely

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^2}. \tag{2.3}$$

Using the relation $\iota_X \omega = dh$ among a Hamiltonian vector field X and one of its corresponding Hamiltonian functions h , we observe that X_1, X_2 and X_3 are Hamiltonian vector fields with Hamiltonian functions

$$h_1 = -\frac{1}{y}, \quad h_2 = -\frac{x}{y}, \quad h_3 = -\frac{x^2 + y^2}{y}, \tag{2.4}$$

respectively. Since X_1, X_2 and X_3 are a basis for V^X , every element of V^X is Hamiltonian with respect to ω . If $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega : C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}) \times C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0})$ stands for the Poisson bracket induced by ω (see [39]), then

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -h_1, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = -2h_2, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = -h_3. \tag{2.5}$$

Hence, $(\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}, \omega, h = a_0(t)h_1 + a_1(t)h_2 + a_2(t)h_3)$ is a Lie–Hamiltonian structure for X and, as $V^X \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$, then $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \equiv ((h_1, h_2, h_3), \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ is a Lie–Hamilton algebra for X isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$.

3. The GKO classification of real Lie algebras of vector fields on the plane

Let us summarise the main aspects and notions related to the GKO classification.

Definition 3.1. Given a finite-dimensional Lie algebra V of vector fields on a manifold N , we say that $\xi_0 \in N$ is a *generic point* of V when the rank of the generalised distribution

$$\mathcal{D}_\xi^V = \{X(\xi) \mid X \in V\} \subset T_\xi N, \quad \xi \in N,$$

i.e. the function $r^V(\xi) = \dim \mathcal{D}_\xi^V$, is locally constant around ξ_0 . We call *generic domain* or simply *domain* of V the set of generic points of V .

Example 3.1. Consider the Lie algebra $I_4 = \langle X_1, X_2, X_3 \rangle$ of vector fields on \mathbb{R}^2 detailed in Table 1. By using the expressions of X_1, X_2 and X_3 in coordinates, we see that $r^{I_4}(x, y)$ equals the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is two for every $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ except for points with $y = x$, where the rank is one. So, the domain of I_4 is $\mathbb{R}^2_{x \neq y} \equiv \{(x, y) \mid x \neq y\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

In order to prove some results of this work, we have derived the domains of all the Lie algebras of the GKO classification. Since this is a rather trivial calculation, we do not describe it here and we just detail our results in Table 1.

Definition 3.2. A finite-dimensional real Lie algebra V of vector fields on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is *imprimitive* when there exists a one-dimensional distribution \mathcal{D} on $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ invariant under the action of V by Lie brackets, i.e. for every $X \in V$ and every vector field Y taking values in \mathcal{D} , we have that $[X, Y]$ takes values in \mathcal{D} . Otherwise, V is called *primitive*.

Table 1

The GKO classification of the 8 + 20 finite-dimensional real Lie algebras of vector fields on the plane and their most relevant characteristics. The first (one or two) vector fields which are written between brackets form a modular generating system. The functions $\xi_1(x), \dots, \xi_r(x)$ and 1 are linearly independent and the functions $\eta_1(x), \dots, \eta_r(x)$ form a basis of fundamental solutions for an r -order homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients [24, pp. 470–471]. Finally, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \ltimes \mathfrak{g}_2$ means that \mathfrak{g} is the direct sum (as linear subspaces) of \mathfrak{g}_1 and \mathfrak{g}_2 , with \mathfrak{g}_2 being an ideal of \mathfrak{g} .

#	Primitive	Basis of vector fields X_i	Domain
P ₁	$A_\alpha \simeq \mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, \alpha(x\partial_x + y\partial_y) + y\partial_x - x\partial_y, \alpha \geq 0$	\mathbb{R}^2
P ₂	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$	$\{\partial_x, x\partial_x + y\partial_y\}, (x^2 - y^2)\partial_x + 2xy\partial_y$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$
P ₃	$\mathfrak{so}(3)$	$\{y\partial_x - x\partial_y, (1 + x^2 - y^2)\partial_x + 2xy\partial_y\}, 2xy\partial_x + (1 + y^2 - x^2)\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
P ₄	$\mathbb{R}^2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x + y\partial_y, y\partial_x - x\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
P ₅	$\mathfrak{sl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x - y\partial_y, y\partial_x, x\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
P ₆	$\mathfrak{gl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, y\partial_x, x\partial_y, y\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
P ₇	$\mathfrak{so}(3, 1)$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x + y\partial_y, y\partial_x - x\partial_y, (x^2 - y^2)\partial_x + 2xy\partial_y, 2xy\partial_x + (y^2 - x^2)\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
P ₈	$\mathfrak{sl}(3)$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, y\partial_x, x\partial_y, y\partial_y, x^2\partial_x + xy\partial_y, xy\partial_x + y^2\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
#	Imprimitive	Basis of vector fields X_i	Domain
I ₁	\mathbb{R}	$\{\partial_x\}$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₂	\mathfrak{h}_2	$\{\partial_x, x\partial_x\}$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₃	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ (type I)	$\{\partial_x, x\partial_x, x^2\partial_x\}$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₄	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ (type II)	$\{\partial_x + \partial_y, x\partial_x + y\partial_y\}, x^2\partial_x + y^2\partial_y$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{x \neq y}$
I ₅	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ (type III)	$\{\partial_x, 2x\partial_x + y\partial_y\}, x^2\partial_x + xy\partial_y$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$
I ₆	$\mathfrak{gl}(2)$ (type I)	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, x^2\partial_x$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₇	$\mathfrak{gl}(2)$ (type II)	$\{\partial_x, y\partial_y\}, x\partial_x, x^2\partial_x + xy\partial_y$	$\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$
I ₈	$B_\alpha \simeq \mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x + \alpha y\partial_y, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₉	$\mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \mathfrak{h}_2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, y\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₀	$\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{h}_2$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, y\partial_y, x^2\partial_x$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₁	$\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2)$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, y\partial_y, x^2\partial_x, y^2\partial_y$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₂	\mathbb{R}^{r+1}	$\{\partial_y\}, \xi_1(x)\partial_y, \dots, \xi_r(x)\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₃	$\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$	$\{\partial_y\}, y\partial_y, \xi_1(x)\partial_y, \dots, \xi_r(x)\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₄	$\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$	$\{\partial_x, \eta_1(x)\partial_y\}, \eta_2(x)\partial_y, \dots, \eta_r(x)\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₅	$\mathbb{R}^2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$	$\{\partial_x, y\partial_y\}, \eta_1(x)\partial_y, \dots, \eta_r(x)\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₆	$C'_\alpha \simeq \mathfrak{h}_2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x + \alpha y\partial_y, x\partial_y, \dots, x^r\partial_y, r \geq 1, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₇	$\mathbb{R} \ltimes (\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r)$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x + (ry + x^r)\partial_y, x\partial_y, \dots, x^{r-1}\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₈	$(\mathfrak{h}_2 \oplus \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, x\partial_y, y\partial_y, x^2\partial_y, \dots, x^r\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₁₉	$\mathfrak{sl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_y, 2x\partial_x + ry\partial_y, x^2\partial_x + rxy\partial_y, x^2\partial_y, \dots, x^r\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2
I ₂₀	$\mathfrak{gl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$	$\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}, x\partial_x, x\partial_y, y\partial_y, x^2\partial_x + rxy\partial_y, x^2\partial_y, \dots, x^r\partial_y, r \geq 1$	\mathbb{R}^2

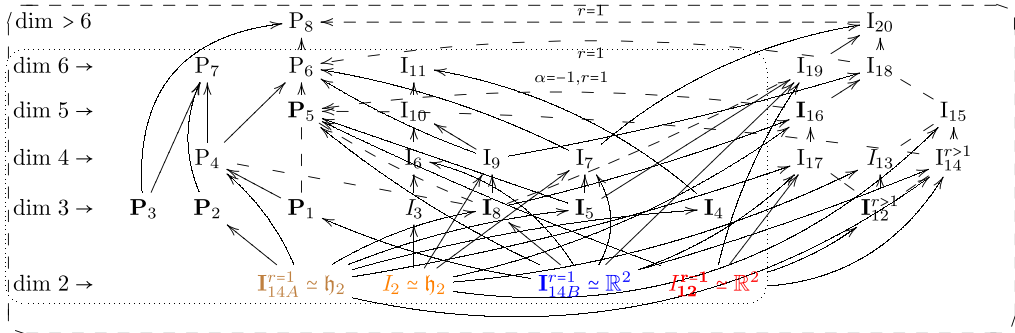
Example 3.2. Recall that I_4 is spanned by the vector fields X_1, X_2 and X_3 given in Table 1. If we define \mathcal{D} to be the distribution on \mathbb{R}^2 generated by $Y = \partial_x$, we see that

$$[X_1, Y] = 0, \quad [X_2, Y] = -Y, \quad [X_3, Y] = -2xY.$$

We infer from this that \mathcal{D} is a one-dimensional distribution invariant under the action of I_4 . Hence, I_4 is an imprimitive Lie algebra of vector fields.

Table 2

Non-exhaustive tree of inclusion relations between classes of the GKO classification. We write $A \dashrightarrow B$ when a subclass of A is diffeomorphic to a Lie subalgebra of B . Every Lie algebra includes I_1 . In bold and italics are classes with Hamiltonian Lie algebras and rank one associated distribution, respectively. Colours help distinguishing the arrows.



Apart from this first division into primitive/imprimitive Lie algebras, GKO subdivided the primitive finite-dimensional Lie algebras into eight families (P_i) and the imprimitive ones into twenty classes (I_i). Notice that several of them depend on some parameters (such as P_1 , I_8 and I_{16}) and that the same Lie algebra structure may appear several times, e.g. I_3 – I_5 and I_6 , I_7 , although such Lie algebras are not locally diffeomorphic among themselves. Some of the Lie algebras of Table 1 can be considered as Lie subalgebras of other classes, e.g. P_6 is a Lie subalgebra of P_8 . A quite exhaustive list of relations of inclusion among elements of the different Lie algebras of the GKO classification is displayed in Table 2. This list fulfils many details not given in [23] and, if we study a Lie algebra of vector fields which does not consists of Hamiltonian vector fields, we can use our list to find which of its subalgebras do.

For our further purposes, we stress that the class I_{14} contains Lie algebras which are not isomorphic depending on the choice of the functions η_j . For instance, if we take $r = 1$ and $\eta_1(x) = 1$, then we have an instance of $I_{14}^{r=1}$ given by $\langle X_1 = \partial_x, X_2 = \partial_y \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$. Meanwhile, if we set $r = 1$ and $\eta_1(x) = e^x$, then we get the Lie algebra of $I_{14}^{r=1}$ of the form $\langle X_1 = \partial_x, X_2 = e^x \partial_y \rangle \simeq \mathfrak{h}_2$. Notice that a similar fact also appears within I_{15} .

4. Minimal Lie algebras of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane

In this section we study the local structure of the minimal Lie algebras of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane around their generic points. Our main result, Theorem 4.4, and the remaining findings of this section enable us to give the local classification of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane in Section 6. To simplify the notation, U will hereafter stand for a contractible open subset of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Lemma 4.1. *Let V be a finite-dimensional real Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields on \mathbb{R}^2 with respect to a Poisson structure and let $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be a generic point of V . There exists a $U \ni \xi_0$ such that $V|_U$ consists of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to a symplectic structure.*

Proof. If $\dim \mathcal{D}_{\xi_0}^V = 0$, then $\dim \mathcal{D}_{\xi}^V = 0$ for every ξ in a $U \ni \xi_0$ because the rank of \mathcal{D}^V is locally constant around generic points. Consequently, $V|_U = 0$ and its unique element become

Hamiltonian relative to the restriction of $\omega = dx \wedge dy$ to U . Let us assume now $\dim \mathcal{D}_{\xi_0}^V \neq 0$. By assumption, the elements of V are Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a Poisson bivector $\Lambda \in \Gamma(\Lambda^2 T\mathbb{R}^2)$. Hence, $\mathcal{D}_{\xi}^V \subset \mathcal{D}_{\xi}^{\Lambda}$ for every $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2$, with \mathcal{D}^{Λ} being the *characteristic distribution* of Λ [39]. Since $\dim \mathcal{D}_{\xi_0}^V \neq 0$ and r^V is locally constant at ξ_0 , then $\dim \mathcal{D}_{\xi}^V > 0$ for every ξ in a $U \ni \xi_0$. Since the rank of \mathcal{D}^{Λ} is even at every point of \mathbb{R}^2 and $\mathcal{D}_{\xi}^V \subset \mathcal{D}_{\xi}^{\Lambda}$ for every $\xi \in U$, the rank of \mathcal{D}^{Λ} is two on U . So, Λ comes from a symplectic structure on U and $V|_U$ is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to it. \square

Roughly speaking, the previous lemma establishes that any Lie–Hamilton system X on \mathbb{R}^2 can be considered around each generic point of V^X as a Lie–Hamilton system admitting a minimal Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure. As our study of such systems is local, we hereafter focus on analysing minimal Lie algebras of this type.

A *volume form* Ω on an n -dimensional manifold N is a non-vanishing n -form on N . The divergence of a vector field X on N with respect to Ω is the unique function $\operatorname{div} X : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $\mathcal{L}_X \Omega = (\operatorname{div} X)\Omega$. An *integrating factor* for X on $U \subset N$ is a function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathcal{L}_{fX} \Omega = 0$ on U . Next we have the following result [33].

Lemma 4.2. *Consider the volume form $\Omega = dx \wedge dy$ on a $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and a vector field X on U . Then, X is Hamiltonian with respect to a symplectic form $\omega = f\Omega$ on U if and only if $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a non-vanishing integrating factor of X with respect to Ω , i.e. $Xf = -f \operatorname{div} X$ on U .*

Proof. Since ω is a symplectic form on U , then f must be non-vanishing. As

$$\mathcal{L}_X \omega = \mathcal{L}_X (f\Omega) = (Xf)\Omega + f\mathcal{L}_X \Omega = (Xf + f \operatorname{div} X)\Omega = \mathcal{L}_{fX} \Omega,$$

then X is locally Hamiltonian with respect to ω , i.e. $\mathcal{L}_X \omega = 0$, if and only if f is a non-vanishing integrating factor for X on U . As U is a contractible open subset, the Poincaré Lemma ensures that X is a local Hamiltonian vector field if and only if it is a Hamiltonian vector field. Consequently, the lemma follows. \square

Definition 4.3. Given a vector space V of vector fields on U , we say that V admits a *modular generating system* (U_1, X_1, \dots, X_p) if U_1 is a dense open subset of U such that every $X \in V|_{U_1}$ can be brought into the form $X|_{U_1} = \sum_{i=1}^p g_i X_i|_{U_1}$ for certain functions $g_1, \dots, g_p \in C^\infty(U_1)$ and vector fields $X_1, \dots, X_p \in V$.

Example 4.1. Given the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{P}_3 \simeq \mathfrak{so}(3)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 of Table 1, the vector fields

$$X_1 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = (1 + x^2 - y^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2xy \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

of \mathfrak{P}_3 satisfy that $X_3 = g_1 X_1 + g_2 X_2$ on $U_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \neq 0\}$ for the functions $g_1, g_2 \in C^\infty(U_1)$:

$$g_1 = \frac{x^2 + y^2 - 1}{x}, \quad g_2 = \frac{y}{x}.$$

Obviously, U_1 is an open dense subset of \mathbb{R}^2 . As every element of V is a linear combination of X_1, X_2 and $X_3 = g_1 X_1 + g_2 X_2$, then every $X \in V|_{U_1}$ can be written as a linear combination with smooth functions on U_1 of X_1 and X_2 . So, (U_1, X_1, X_2) form a generating modular system for \mathfrak{P}_3 .

In [Table 1](#) we detail a modular generating system, which is indicated by the first one or two vector fields written between brackets in the list of the X_i 's, for every finite-dimensional Lie algebra of vector fields of the GKO classification.

Theorem 4.4. *Let V be a Lie algebra of vector fields on $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ admitting a modular generating system (U_1, X_1, \dots, X_p) . We have that:*

1) *The space V consists of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to a symplectic form on U if and only if:*

i) *Let g_1, \dots, g_p be certain smooth functions on $U_1 \subset U$. Then,*

$$X|_{U_1} = \sum_{i=1}^p g_i X_i|_{U_1} \in V|_{U_1} \implies \operatorname{div} X|_{U_1} = \sum_{i=1}^p g_i \operatorname{div} X_i|_{U_1}. \tag{4.1}$$

ii) *The elements X_1, \dots, X_p admit a common non-vanishing integrating factor on U .*

2) *If the rank of \mathcal{D}^V is two on U , the symplectic form is unique up to a multiplicative non-zero constant.*

Proof. Let us prove the direct part of 1). Since (U_1, X_1, \dots, X_p) form a modular generating system for V , we have that every $X|_{U_1} \in V|_{U_1}$ can be brought into the form $X|_{U_1} = \sum_{i=1}^p g_i X_i|_{U_1}$ for certain $g_1, \dots, g_p \in C^\infty(U_1)$. As V is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure on U , let us say

$$\omega = f(x, y)dx \wedge dy, \tag{4.2}$$

then [Lemma 4.2](#) ensures that $Yf = -f \operatorname{div} Y$ for every $Y \in V$. Then,

$$f \operatorname{div} X = -Xf = -\sum_{i=1}^p g_i X_i f = f \sum_{i=1}^p g_i \operatorname{div} X_i \iff f \left(\operatorname{div} X - \sum_{i=1}^p g_i \operatorname{div} X_i \right) = 0$$

on U_1 . As ω is non-degenerate, then f is non-vanishing and i) follows. Since all the vector fields of V are Hamiltonian with respect to ω , they share a common non-vanishing integrating factor, namely f . From this, ii) holds.

Conversely, if ii) is satisfied, then [Lemma 4.2](#) ensures that X_1, \dots, X_p are Hamiltonian with respect to (4.2) on U , with f being a non-vanishing integrating factor. As (U_1, X_1, \dots, X_p) form a generating modular system for V , every $X \in V$ can be written as $\sum_{i=1}^p g_i X_i$ on U_1 for certain functions $g_1, \dots, g_p \in C^\infty(U_1)$. From i) we obtain $\operatorname{div} X = \sum_{i=1}^p g_i \operatorname{div} X_i$ on U_1 . Then,

$$Xf = \sum_{i=1}^p g_i X_i f = -f \sum_{i=1}^p g_i \operatorname{div} X_i = -f \operatorname{div} X$$

on U_1 and, since the elements of V are smooth and U_1 is dense on U , the above expression also holds on U . Hence, f is a non-vanishing integrating factor for X , which becomes a Hamiltonian vector field with respect to ω on U in virtue of Lemma 4.2. Hence, part 1) is proven.

As far as part 2) of the theorem is concerned, if the vector fields of V are Hamiltonian with respect to two different symplectic structures on U , they admit two different non-vanishing integrating factors f_1 and f_2 . Hence,

$$X(f_1/f_2) = (f_2Xf_1 - f_1Xf_2)/f_2^2 = (f_2f_1 \operatorname{div} X - f_1f_2 \operatorname{div} X)/f_2^2 = 0$$

and f_1/f_2 is a common constant of motion for all the elements of V . Hence, it is a constant of motion for every vector field taking values in the distribution \mathcal{D}^V . The rank of \mathcal{D}^V on U is two by assumption. So, \mathcal{D}^V is generated by the vector fields ∂_x and ∂_y on U . Thus, the only constants of motion on U common to all the vector fields taking values in \mathcal{D}^V , and consequently common to the elements of V , are constants. Since f_1 and f_2 are non-vanishing, then $f_1 = \lambda f_2$ for a $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and the associated symplectic structures are the same up to an irrelevant non-zero multiplicative constant. \square

Using Theorem 4.4, we can immediately prove the following result.

Corollary 4.5. *If a Lie algebra of vector fields V on a $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ consists of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic form and admits a modular generating system whose elements are divergence free, then every element of V is divergence free.*

5. Lie–Hamilton algebras

In this section we prove some new results concerning Lie–Hamilton algebras. Analogues of the following results can also be proved through Lie algebra cohomology techniques [36], although the approach here presented is simpler and provides all the tools that we will need in the following sections.

It is known that Lie–Hamilton algebras are not uniquely defined in general. Moreover, the existence of different types of Lie–Hamilton algebras for the same Lie–Hamilton system is important in their linearisation and the use of certain methods [15]. For instance, if a Lie–Hamilton system X on N admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to V^X and $\dim V^X = \dim N$, then X can be linearised together with its associated Poisson structure [15].

Example 5.1. Consider again the Lie–Hamilton system X given by (2.1) and assume $V^X \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$. Recall that X admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ spanned by the Hamiltonian functions h_1, h_2, h_3 given by (2.4) relative to the symplectic structure ω detailed in (2.3). We can also construct a second (non-isomorphic) Lie–Hamilton algebra for X with respect to (2.3). The vector fields X_i , with $i = 1, 2, 3$, spanning V^X (see (2.2)) have also Hamiltonian functions $\bar{h}_i = h_i + 1$, for $i = 1, 2, 3$, respectively. Hence, $(\mathbb{R}_{y \neq 0}^2, \omega, h = a_0(t)\bar{h}_1 + a_1(t)\bar{h}_2 + a_2(t)\bar{h}_3)$ is a Lie–Hamiltonian structure for X giving rise to a Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\bar{\mathcal{H}}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \equiv ((\bar{h}_1, \bar{h}_2, \bar{h}_3, 1), \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$ for X .

Proposition 5.1. *A Lie–Hamilton system X on a symplectic connected manifold (N, ω) possesses an associated Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ isomorphic to V^X if and only if every Lie–Hamilton algebra non-isomorphic to V^X is isomorphic to $V^X \oplus \mathbb{R}$.*

Proof. Let $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ be an arbitrary Lie–Hamilton algebra for X . As X is defined on a connected manifold, the sequence of Lie algebras

$$0 \hookrightarrow (\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \cap \langle 1 \rangle \hookrightarrow (\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \xrightarrow{\varphi} V^X \rightarrow 0, \tag{5.1}$$

where $\varphi : \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda \rightarrow V^X$ maps every function of $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ to minus its Hamiltonian vector field, is always exact (cf. [15]). Hence, $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ can be isomorphic either to V^X or to a Lie algebra extension of V^X of dimension $\dim V^X + 1$.

If $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ is isomorphic to V^X and there exists a second Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ for X non-isomorphic to V^X , we see from (5.1) that $1 \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ and $1 \notin \mathcal{H}_\Lambda$. Given a basis X_1, \dots, X_r of V^X , each element X_i , with $i = 1, \dots, r$, has a Hamiltonian function $\bar{h}_i \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ and another $h_i \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda$. As V^X is defined on a connected manifold, then $h_i = \bar{h}_i - \lambda_i \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ with $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for every $i = 1, \dots, r$. From this and using again that $1 \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda \setminus \mathcal{H}_\Lambda$, we obtain that $\{h_1, \dots, h_r, 1\}$ is a basis for $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ and $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \simeq (\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{R}, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$.

Let us assume now that every Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ non-isomorphic to V^X is isomorphic to $V^X \oplus \mathbb{R}$. We can define a Lie algebra anti-isomorphism $\mu : V^X \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ mapping each element of V^X to a Hamiltonian function belonging to a Lie subalgebra of $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ isomorphic to V^X . Hence, $(N, \omega, h = \mu(X))$, where $h_t = \mu(X_t)$ for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a Lie–Hamiltonian structure for X and $(\mu(V^X), \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ is a Lie–Hamilton algebra for X isomorphic to V^X . \square

Proposition 5.2. *If a Lie–Hamilton system X on a symplectic connected manifold (N, ω) admits an associated Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ isomorphic to V^X , then it possesses a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $V^X \oplus \mathbb{R}$.*

Proof. Let (N, ω, h) be a Lie–Hamiltonian structure for X giving rise to the Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$. Consider the linear space L_h spanned by linear combinations of the functions $\{h_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$. Since we assume $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \simeq V^X$, the exact sequence (5.1) involves that $1 \notin L_h$. Moreover, we can write $h = \sum_{i=1}^p b_i(t)h_{t_i}$, where h_{t_i} are the values of h at certain times t_1, \dots, t_p such that $\{h_{t_1}, \dots, h_{t_p}\}$ are linearly independent and b_1, \dots, b_p are certain t -dependent functions. Observe that the vector fields $(b_1(t), \dots, b_p(t))$, with $t \in \mathbb{R}$, span a p -dimensional linear space. If we choose a t -dependent Hamiltonian $\bar{h} = \sum_{i=1}^p b_i(t)h_{t_i} + b_{p+1}(t)$, where $b_{p+1}(t)$ is not a linear combination of $b_1(t), \dots, b_p(t)$, and we recall that $1, h_{t_1}, \dots, h_{t_p}$ are linearly independent over \mathbb{R} , we obtain that the linear hull of the functions $\{\bar{h}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ has dimension $\dim L_h + 1$. Moreover, $(N, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega, \bar{h})$ is a Lie–Hamiltonian structure for X . Hence, they span, along with their successive Lie brackets, a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda \oplus \mathbb{R}$. \square

Corollary 5.3. *If X is a Lie–Hamilton system with respect to a symplectic connected manifold (N, ω) admitting a Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ satisfying that $1 \in \{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \mathcal{H}_\Lambda\}_\omega$, then X does not possess any Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to V^X .*

Proof. If $1 \in \{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \mathcal{H}_\Lambda\}_\omega$, then \mathcal{H}_Λ cannot be isomorphic to $V^X \oplus \mathbb{R}$ because the derived Lie algebra of \mathcal{H}_Λ , i.e. $\{\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \mathcal{H}_\Lambda\}_\omega$, contains the constant function 1 and the derived Lie algebra of an \mathcal{H}_Λ isomorphic to $V^X \oplus \mathbb{R}$ does not. In view of Proposition 5.1, system X does not admit any Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to V^X . \square

Table 3

The classification of the 4 + 8 finite-dimensional real Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields on \mathbb{R}^2 . For I_{12} , I_{14A} and I_{16} , we have $j = 1, \dots, r$ and $r \geq 1$; in I_{14B} the index $j = 2, \dots, r$ and we assume $\eta_1 = 1$.

#	Primitive	Hamiltonian functions h_i	ω	Lie–Hamilton algebra
P_1	$A_0 \simeq \mathfrak{iso}(2)$	$y, -x, \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2), 1$	$dx \wedge dy$	$\overline{\mathfrak{iso}(2)}$
P_2	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$	$-\frac{1}{y}, -\frac{x}{y}, -\frac{x^2+y^2}{y}$	$\frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^2}$	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ or $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$
P_3	$\mathfrak{so}(3)$	$\frac{-1}{2(1+x^2+y^2)}, \frac{y}{1+x^2+y^2}, -\frac{x}{1+x^2+y^2}, 1$	$\frac{dx \wedge dy}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2}$	$\mathfrak{so}(3)$ or $\mathfrak{so}(3) \oplus \mathbb{R}$
P_5	$\mathfrak{sl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$	$y, -x, xy, \frac{1}{2}y^2, -\frac{1}{2}x^2, 1$	$dx \wedge dy$	$\mathfrak{sl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2 \simeq \mathfrak{h}_6$
#	Imprimitive	Hamiltonian functions h_i	ω	Lie–Hamilton algebra
I_1	\mathbb{R}	$\int^y f(y')dy'$	$f(y)dx \wedge dy$	\mathbb{R} or \mathbb{R}^2
I_4	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ (type II)	$\frac{1}{x-y}, \frac{x+y}{2(x-y)}, \frac{xy}{x-y}$	$\frac{dx \wedge dy}{(x-y)^2}$	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ or $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$
I_5	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ (type III)	$-\frac{1}{2y^2}, -\frac{x}{y^2}, -\frac{x^2}{2y^2}$	$\frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^3}$	$\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ or $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$
I_8	$B_{-1} \simeq \mathfrak{iso}(1, 1)$	$y, -x, xy, 1$	$dx \wedge dy$	$\overline{\mathfrak{iso}(1, 1)} \simeq \mathfrak{h}_4$
I_{12}	\mathbb{R}^{r+1}	$-\int^x f(x')dx', -\int^x f(x')\xi_j(x')dx'$	$f(x)dx \wedge dy$	\mathbb{R}^{r+1} or \mathbb{R}^{r+2}
I_{14A}	$\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$ (type I)	$y, -\int^x \eta_j(x')dx', 1 \notin \langle \eta_j \rangle$	$dx \wedge dy$	$\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$ or $(\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r) \oplus \mathbb{R}$
I_{14B}	$\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$ (type II)	$y, -x, -\int^x \eta_j(x')dx', 1$	$dx \wedge dy$	$\overline{(\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r)}$
I_{16}	$C'_{-1} \simeq \mathfrak{h}_2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$	$y, -x, xy, -\frac{x^{j+1}}{j+1}, 1$	$dx \wedge dy$	$\mathfrak{h}_2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$

Proposition 5.4. *If X is a Lie–Hamilton system on a connected manifold N admitting a V^X of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure ω that does not possess any Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ isomorphic to V^X , then all its Lie–Hamilton algebras (with respect to the Lie bracket $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega$) are isomorphic.*

Proof. Let $(\mathcal{H}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ and $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ be two Lie–Hamilton algebras for X . Since they are not isomorphic to V^X and in view of the exact sequence (5.1), then $1 \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \cap \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$. Let X_1, \dots, X_r be a basis of V^X . Every vector field X_i admits a Hamiltonian function $h_i \in \mathcal{H}_\Lambda$ and another $\bar{h}_i \in \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$. The functions h_1, \dots, h_r are linearly independent and the same applies to $\bar{h}_1, \dots, \bar{h}_r$. Then, $\{h_1, \dots, h_r, 1\}$ is a basis for \mathcal{H}_Λ and $\{\bar{h}_1, \dots, \bar{h}_r, 1\}$ is a basis for $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$. As N is connected, then $h_i = \bar{h}_i - \lambda_i$ with $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for each $i \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, the functions h_i belong to $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$ and the functions \bar{h}_i belong to \mathcal{H}_Λ . Thus $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda = \overline{\mathcal{H}}_\Lambda$. \square

6. Local classification of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane

In this section we describe the local structure of Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane, i.e. given the minimal Lie algebra of a Lie–Hamilton system X on the plane, we prove that V^X is locally diffeomorphic around a generic point of V^X to one of the Lie algebras given in Table 3. We also prove that, around a generic point of V^X , the Lie–Hamilton algebras of X must have one of the algebraic structures described in Table 3.

If X is a Lie–Hamilton system, its minimal Lie algebra must be locally diffeomorphic to one of the Lie algebras of the GKO classification that consists of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a Poisson structure. As we are concerned with generic points of minimal Lie algebras, Lemma 4.1 ensures that V^X is locally diffeomorphic around generic points to a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure. So, its minimal Lie algebra is

locally diffeomorphic to one of the Lie algebras of the GKO classification consisting of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure on a certain open contractible subset of its domain. By determining which of the Lie algebras of the GKO classification admit such a property, we can classify the local structure of all Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane. This relevant result can be stated as follows:

Proposition 6.1. *The primitive Lie algebras $P_1^{\alpha \neq 0}$, P_4 , P_6 – P_8 and the imprimitive ones I_2 , I_3 , I_6 , I_7 , $I_8^{(\alpha \neq -1)}$, I_9 – I_{11} , I_{13} , I_{15} , $I_{16}^{(\alpha \neq -1)}$, I_{17} – I_{20} are not Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields on any $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.*

Proof. Apart from I_{15} , the remaining Lie algebras detailed in this statement admit a modular generating system whose elements are divergence free on the whole \mathbb{R}^2 (see the elements between brackets in Table 1). At the same time, we also observe in Table 1 that these Lie algebras admit a vector field with non-zero divergence on any U . In view of Corollary 4.5, they cannot be Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to any symplectic structure on any $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

In the case of the Lie algebra I_{15} , we have that $(\mathbb{R}_{y \neq 0}^2, X_1 = \partial_x, X_2 = y\partial_y)$ form a generating modular system of I_{15} . Observe that $X_2 = y\partial_y$ and $X_3 = \eta_1(x)\partial_y$, where η_1 is a non-null function—it forms with $\eta_2(x), \dots, \eta_r(x)$ a fundamental set of solutions of an r -order homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients (cf. [23,29])—satisfy $\text{div } X_2 = 1$ and $\text{div } X_3 = 0$. Obviously, $\text{div } X_3 \neq \eta_1 \text{div } X_2/y$ on any U . So, I_{15} does not satisfy Theorem 4.4 on any U and it is not a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields on any such an open subset. \square

To simplify the notation, we assume in this section that all objects are defined on a contractible $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ of the domain of the Lie algebra under study. Additionally, U_1 stands for a dense open subset of U . In the following two subsections, we explicitly show that all of the Lie algebras of the GKO classification not listed in Proposition 6.1 consist of Hamiltonian vector fields on any U of their domains. For each Lie algebra, we compute the integrating factor f of ω given by (4.2) turning the elements of a basis of the Lie algebra into Hamiltonian vector fields and we work out their Hamiltonian functions. Additionally, we obtain the algebraic structure of all the Lie–Hamilton algebras of the Lie–Hamilton systems admitting such minimal Lie algebras.

We stress that the main results covering the resulting Hamiltonian functions h_i , the symplectic form ω and the Lie–Hamilton algebras are summarized in Table 3 accordingly to the GKO classification of Table 1, so that the reader may skip all the details given in Subsections 6.1 and 6.2 concerning the corresponding computations for primitive and imprimitive Lie algebras. In this respect, we point out that the Lie algebras of the class I_{14} give rise to two non-isomorphic classes of Lie algebras: I_{14A} whenever $1 \notin \langle \eta_1, \dots, \eta_r \rangle$ and I_{14B} otherwise. Consequently, we obtain twelve finite-dimensional real Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields on the plane. Obviously, we did not include in our list the trivial Lie algebra $\{0\}$, which is of course Hamiltonian with respect to any symplectic structure on \mathbb{R}^2 .

In order to shorten the presentation of the following results, we remark that for some of such Lie–Hamilton algebras their symplectic structure is just the standard one:

Proposition 6.2. *The Lie algebras $P_1^{(\alpha=0)}$, P_5 , $I_8^{(\alpha=-1)}$, I_{14B} and $I_{16}^{(\alpha=-1)}$ are Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the standard symplectic form $\omega = dx \wedge dy$, that is, $f \equiv 1$.*

Proof. We see in Table 1 that all the aforementioned Lie algebras admit a modular generating system $(U, X_1 = \partial_x, X_2 = \partial_y)$ and all their elements have zero divergence. So, they satisfy condition (4.1). The vector fields X_1, X_2 are Hamiltonian with respect to the symplectic structure $\omega = dx \wedge dy$. In view of Theorem 4.4, the whole Lie algebra consists of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to ω . \square

6.1. Primitive Lie–Hamilton algebras

6.1.1. Lie algebra $\mathfrak{P}_1^{(\alpha=0)}$: $A_0 \simeq \mathfrak{iso}(2)$

Proposition 6.2 states that A_0 is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the symplectic form $\omega = dx \wedge dy$. The basis of vector fields X_1, X_2, X_3 of A_0 given in Table 1 satisfy the commutation relations

$$[X_1, X_2] = 0, \quad [X_1, X_3] = -X_2, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_1.$$

So, A_0 is isomorphic to the two-dimensional Euclidean algebra $\mathfrak{iso}(2)$. Using the relation $\iota_X \omega = dh$ between a Hamiltonian vector field and one of its Hamiltonian functions, we get that some Hamiltonian functions for X_1, X_2, X_3 read

$$h_1 = y, \quad h_2 = -x, \quad h_3 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2),$$

correspondingly. Along with $h_0 = 1$, these functions fulfil

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = h_0, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = h_2, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = -h_1, \quad \{h_0, \cdot\}_\omega = 0.$$

Consequently, if X is a Lie–Hamilton system admitting a minimal Lie algebra A_0 , i.e. $X = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i(t)X_i$ for certain t -dependent functions b_1, b_2, b_3 such that $V^X \simeq A_0$, then it admits a Lie–Hamiltonian structure $(U, \omega, h = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i(t)h_i)$ and a Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ generated by the functions (h_1, h_2, h_3, h_0) . Hence, $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ is a finite-dimensional real Lie algebra of Hamiltonian functions isomorphic to the centrally extended Euclidean algebra $\overline{\mathfrak{iso}}(2)$ [2]. Note that since $1 \in \{\mathcal{H}_A, \mathcal{H}_A\}_\omega$, we obtain that $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega)$ is not a trivial extension isomorphic to $A_0 \oplus \mathbb{R}$. In virtue of Corollary 5.3, system X does not admit any Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to V^X . Moreover, Proposition 5.4 ensures that all Lie–Hamilton algebras for X are isomorphic to $\overline{\mathfrak{iso}}(2)$.

6.1.2. Lie algebra \mathfrak{P}_2 : $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$

We have already proved in Section 2 that the Lie algebra of vector fields \mathfrak{P}_2 , which is spanned by the vector fields (2.2), is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the symplectic structure (2.3). Some Hamiltonian functions h_1, h_2, h_3 for X_1, X_2 and X_3 were found to be (2.4), correspondingly. Then, a Lie system X with minimal Lie algebra \mathfrak{P}_2 , i.e. a system of the form $X = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i(t)X_i$ for certain t -dependent functions b_1, b_2, b_3 such that $V^X = \mathfrak{P}_2$, is a Lie–Hamilton system with respect to the Poisson bracket induced by (2.3). Then, X admits a Lie–Hamiltonian structure $(U, \omega, h = \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i(t)h_i)$ and a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ with commutation relations (2.5). In view of Proposition 5.2, this Lie–Hamilton system also admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$. In view of Proposition 5.1, these are the only algebraic structures of the Lie–Hamilton algebras for such Lie–Hamilton systems.

6.1.3. Lie algebra $P_3: \mathfrak{so}(3)$

In this case, we must determine a symplectic structure ω turning the elements of the modular generating system (U_1, X_1, X_2) of P_3 into locally Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure ω (4.2). In view of Theorem 4.4, this ensures that every element of P_3 is Hamiltonian with respect to ω . The condition $\mathcal{L}_{X_1}\omega = 0$ gives

$$y \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0.$$

Applying the characteristics method, we find that f must be constant along the integral curves of the system $x dx + y dy = 0$, namely curves with $x^2 + y^2 = k \in \mathbb{R}$. So, $f = f(x^2 + y^2)$. If we now require $\mathcal{L}_{X_2}\omega = 0$, we obtain that

$$(1 + x^2 - y^2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 2xy \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + 4xf = 0.$$

Using that $f = f(x^2 + y^2)$, we have

$$\frac{f'}{f} = -\frac{2}{1 + x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow f(x^2 + y^2) = (1 + x^2 + y^2)^{-2}.$$

Then, ω becomes, up to an irrelevant non-zero multiplicative factor, of the form

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}.$$

So, P_3 becomes a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to ω . The vector fields X_1, X_2 and X_3 admit the Hamiltonian functions

$$h_1 = -\frac{1}{2(1 + x^2 + y^2)}, \quad h_2 = \frac{y}{1 + x^2 + y^2}, \quad h_3 = -\frac{x}{1 + x^2 + y^2},$$

which along $h_0 = 1$ satisfy the commutation relations

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -h_3, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = h_2, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = -4h_1 - h_0, \quad \{h_0, \cdot\}_\omega = 0,$$

with respect to the Poisson bracket induced by ω . Then, $\langle h_1, h_2, h_3, h_0 \rangle$ span a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian functions isomorphic to a central extension of $\mathfrak{so}(3)$, denoted $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{so}(3)}$. It is well known [2] that the central extension associated with h_0 is a trivial one; if we define $\bar{h}_1 = h_1 + h_0/4$, then $\langle \bar{h}_1, h_2, h_3 \rangle$ span a Lie algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{so}(3)$ and $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{so}(3)} \simeq \mathfrak{so}(3) \oplus \mathbb{R}$. In view of this and using Propositions 5.1 and 5.2, a Lie system admitting a minimal Lie algebra P_3 only admits Lie–Hamilton algebras isomorphic to $\mathfrak{so}(3) \oplus \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathfrak{so}(3)$.

6.1.4. Lie algebra $P_5: \mathfrak{sl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$

From Proposition 6.2, this Lie algebra consists of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the symplectic form $\omega = dx \wedge dy$. The vector fields of the basis X_1, \dots, X_5 for P_5 given in Table 1 are Hamiltonian vector fields relative to ω with Hamiltonian functions

$$h_1 = y, \quad h_2 = -x, \quad h_3 = xy, \quad h_4 = \frac{1}{2}y^2, \quad h_5 = -\frac{1}{2}x^2,$$

correspondingly. These functions together with $h_0 = 1$ satisfy the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \{h_1, h_2\}_\omega &= h_0, & \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega &= -h_1, & \{h_1, h_4\}_\omega &= 0, & \{h_1, h_5\}_\omega &= -h_2, \\ \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega &= h_2, & \{h_2, h_4\}_\omega &= -h_1, & \{h_2, h_5\}_\omega &= 0, & \{h_3, h_4\}_\omega &= 2h_4, \\ \{h_3, h_5\}_\omega &= -2h_5, & \{h_4, h_5\}_\omega &= h_3, & \{h_0, \cdot\}_\omega &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\langle h_1, \dots, h_5, h_0 \rangle$ span a Lie algebra $\overline{\mathfrak{sl}(2) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2}$ which is a non-trivial central extension of P_5 , i.e. it is not isomorphic to $P_5 \oplus \mathbb{R}$. In fact, it is isomorphic to the so called two-photon Lie algebra \mathfrak{h}_6 (see [3] and references therein); this can be brought into the form $\mathfrak{h}_6 \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus_s \mathfrak{h}_3$, where $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \simeq \langle h_3, h_4, h_5 \rangle$, $\mathfrak{h}_3 \simeq \langle h_1, h_2, h_0 \rangle$ is the Heisenberg–Weyl Lie algebra, and \oplus_s stands for a semidirect sum. Furthermore, \mathfrak{h}_6 is also isomorphic to the $(1 + 1)$ -dimensional centrally extended Schrödinger Lie algebra [5].

In view of Corollary 5.3, Proposition 5.4 and following the same line of reasoning than in previous cases, a Lie system admitting a minimal Lie algebra P_5 only possesses Lie–Hamilton algebras isomorphic to \mathfrak{h}_6 .

6.2. Imprimitve Lie–Hamilton algebras

6.2.1. Lie algebra $I_1: \mathbb{R}$

Note that $X_1 = \partial_x$ is a modular generating basis of I_1 . By solving the PDE $\mathcal{L}_{X_1}\omega = 0$ with ω written in the form (4.2), we obtain that $\omega = f(y)dx \wedge dy$ with $f(y)$ being any non-vanishing function of y . In view of Theorem 4.4, the Lie algebra I_1 becomes a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to ω . Observe that X_1 , a basis of I_1 , has a Hamiltonian function, $h_1 = \int^y f(y')dy'$. As h_1 spans a Lie algebra isomorphic to \mathbb{R} , it is obvious that a system X with $V^X \simeq I_1$ admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to I_1 . Proposition 5.2 yields that X admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^2 . In view of Proposition 5.1, these are the only algebraic structures for the Lie–Hamilton algebras for X_1 .

6.2.2. Lie algebra $I_4: \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ of type II

This Lie algebra admits a modular generating system $(\mathbb{R}_{x \neq y}^2, X_1 = \partial_x + \partial_y, X_2 = x\partial_x + y\partial_y)$. Let us search for a symplectic form ω (4.2) turning X_1 and X_2 into local Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to it. Using Theorem 4.4, we can ensure that every element of I_4 is Hamiltonian with respect to ω . By imposing $\mathcal{L}_{X_i}\omega = 0$ ($i = 1, 2$), we find that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, \quad x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + 2f = 0.$$

Applying the method of characteristics to the first equation, we have that $dx = dy$. Then $f = f(x - y)$. Using this in the second equation, we obtain a particular solution $f = (x - y)^{-2}$ which gives rise to a closed and non-degenerate two-form, namely

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{(x - y)^2}. \tag{6.1}$$

Hence,

$$h_1 = \frac{1}{x - y}, \quad h_2 = \frac{x + y}{2(x - y)}, \quad h_3 = \frac{xy}{x - y}$$

are Hamiltonian functions of the vector fields X_1, X_2, X_3 of the basis for I_4 given in [Table 1](#), respectively. Using the Poisson bracket $\{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega$ induced by [\(6.1\)](#), we obtain that h_1, h_2 and h_3 satisfy

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -h_1, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = -2h_2, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = -h_3.$$

Then, $(\langle h_1, h_2, h_3 \rangle, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \simeq \mathfrak{sl}(2)$. Consequently, if X is a Lie–Hamilton system admitting a minimal Lie algebra I_4 , it admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra that is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ or, from [Proposition 5.2](#), to $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$. From [Proposition 5.1](#), these are the only algebraic structures for its Lie–Hamilton algebras.

6.2.3. Lie algebra I_5 : $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ of type III

Observe that $(U, X_1 = \partial_x, X_2 = 2x\partial_x + y\partial_y)$ form a modular generating system of I_5 . The conditions $\mathcal{L}_{X_1}\omega = \mathcal{L}_{X_2}\omega = 0$ ensuring that X_1 and X_2 are locally Hamiltonian with respect to ω give rise to the equations

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad 2x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + 3f = 0,$$

so that $f(x, y) = y^{-3}$, up to an irrelevant non-vanishing multiplicative factor, and X_1, X_2 become locally Hamiltonian vector fields relative to the symplectic form

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^3}.$$

In view of [Theorem 4.4](#), this implies that every element of I_5 is Hamiltonian with respect to ω . Hamiltonian functions for the elements of the basis X_1, X_2, X_3 for I_5 given in [Table 1](#) read

$$h_1 = -\frac{1}{2y^2}, \quad h_2 = -\frac{x}{y^2}, \quad h_3 = -\frac{x^2}{2y^2}.$$

They span a Lie algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$:

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -2h_1, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = -h_2, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = -2h_3.$$

Therefore, a Lie system possessing a minimal Lie algebra I_5 possesses a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ and, in view of Proposition 5.2, to $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$. In view of Proposition 5.1, these are the only possible algebraic structures for the Lie–Hamilton algebras for X .

6.2.4. Lie algebra $I_8^{(\alpha=-1)}$: $B_{-1} \simeq \mathfrak{iso}(1, 1)$

In view of Proposition 6.2, this Lie algebra consists of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the standard symplectic structure $\omega = dx \wedge dy$. The elements of the basis for B_{-1} detailed in Table 1 satisfy the commutation relations

$$[X_1, X_2] = 0, \quad [X_1, X_3] = X_1, \quad [X_2, X_3] = -X_2.$$

Hence, these vector fields span a Lie algebra isomorphic to the $(1 + 1)$ -dimensional Poincaré algebra $\mathfrak{iso}(1, 1)$. Their corresponding Hamiltonian functions turn out to be

$$h_1 = y, \quad h_2 = -x, \quad h_3 = xy,$$

which together with a central generator $h_0 = 1$ fulfil the commutation relations

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = h_0, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = -h_1, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = h_2, \quad \{h_0, \cdot\}_\omega = 0.$$

Thus, a Lie system X admitting a minimal Lie algebra B_{-1} possesses a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to the centrally extended Poincaré algebra $\overline{\mathfrak{iso}}(1, 1)$ which, in turn, is also isomorphic to the harmonic oscillator algebra \mathfrak{h}_4 . As is well known [2], this Lie algebra is not of the form $\mathfrak{iso}(1, 1) \oplus \mathbb{R}$, then Proposition 5.1 ensures that X does not admit any Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{iso}(1, 1)$. Moreover, Proposition 5.4 states that all Lie–Hamilton algebras of X must be isomorphic to $\overline{\mathfrak{iso}}(1, 1)$.

6.2.5. Lie algebra I_{12} : \mathbb{R}^{r+1}

The vector field $X_1 = \partial_y$ is a modular generating system for I_{12} and all the elements of this Lie algebra have zero divergence. By solving the PDE $\mathcal{L}_{X_1}\omega = 0$, where we recall that ω has the form (4.2), we see that $f = f(x)$ for any non-vanishing function $f(x)$ and X_1 becomes Hamiltonian. In view of Theorem 4.4, the remaining elements of I_{12} become automatically Hamiltonian with respect to ω . Then, we obtain that X_1, \dots, X_{r+1} are Hamiltonian vector fields relative to the symplectic structure $\omega = f(x)dx \wedge dy$ with Hamiltonian functions

$$h_1 = - \int^x f(x')dx', \quad h_{j+1} = - \int^x f(x')\xi_j(x')dx', \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \quad r \geq 1,$$

which span the Abelian Lie algebra \mathbb{R}^{r+1} . In consequence, a Lie–Hamilton system X related to a minimal Lie algebra I_{12} possesses a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^{r+1} . From Propositions 5.1 and 5.2, it only admits an additional Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^{r+2} .

6.2.6. Lie algebra I_{14} : $\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$

The functions $\eta_1(x), \dots, \eta_r(x)$ form a fundamental system of solutions of an r -order differential equation with constant coefficients [23,24]. Hence, none of them vanishes in an open interval of \mathbb{R} and I_{14} is such that (U_1, X_1, X_2) , where X_1 and X_2 are given in Table 1, form a modular

generating system. Since all the elements of I_{14} have divergence zero and using [Theorem 4.4](#), we infer that I_{14} consists of Hamiltonian vector fields relative to a symplectic structure if and only if X_1 and X_2 are locally Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure. By requiring $\mathcal{L}_{X_i}\omega = 0$, with $i = 1, 2$ and ω of the form [\(4.2\)](#), we obtain that

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \eta_j(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

So, I_{14} is only compatible, up to a multiplicative non-zero constant, with $\omega = dx \wedge dy$. The Hamiltonian functions corresponding to X_1, \dots, X_{r+1} turn out to be

$$h_1 = y, \quad h_{j+1} = - \int^x \eta_j(x') dx', \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \quad r \geq 1. \tag{6.2}$$

We remark that two *different* classes of Lie–Hamilton algebras are spanned by the above Hamiltonian functions:

- Case I_{14A} : If $1 \notin \langle \eta_1, \dots, \eta_r \rangle$, then the functions [\(6.2\)](#) span a Lie algebra $\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$ and, by considering [Propositions 5.1 and 5.2](#), this case only admits an additional Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $(\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r) \oplus \mathbb{R}$.
- Case I_{14B} : If $1 \in \langle \eta_1, \dots, \eta_r \rangle$, we can choose a basis of I_{14} in such a way that there exists a function, let us say η_1 , equal to 1. Then the Hamiltonian functions [\(6.2\)](#) turn out to be

$$h_1 = y, \quad h_2 = -x, \quad h_{j+1} = - \int^x \eta_j(x') dx', \quad j = 2, \dots, r, \quad r \geq 1,$$

which require a central generator $h_0 = 1 = \{h_1, h_2\}_\omega$ in order to close a centrally extended Lie algebra $(\mathcal{H}_A, \{\cdot, \cdot\}_\omega) \simeq (\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r)$.

In view of the above, a Lie system X with a minimal Lie algebra I_{14} is a Lie–Hamilton system. Its Lie–Hamilton algebras can be isomorphic to I_{14} or $I_{14} \oplus \mathbb{R}$ when $1 \notin \langle \eta_1, \dots, \eta_r \rangle$ (class I_{14A}). If $1 \in \langle \eta_1, \dots, \eta_r \rangle$ (class I_{14B}), a Lie–Hamilton algebra is isomorphic to a non-trivial extension $\overline{\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r}$ of $\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^r$, and, from [Propositions 5.1 and 5.4](#), every Lie–Hamilton algebra for X is isomorphic to it.

6.2.7. Lie algebra $I_{16}^{(\alpha=-1)}$: $C_{-1}^r \simeq \mathfrak{h}_2 \ltimes \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$

In view of [Proposition 6.2](#), this Lie algebra consists of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the standard symplectic structure. Some resulting Hamiltonian functions for X_1, \dots, X_{r+3} are given by

$$h_1 = y, \quad h_2 = -x, \quad h_3 = xy, \quad h_{j+3} = - \frac{x^{j+1}}{j+1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \quad r \geq 1,$$

which again require an additional central generator $h_0 = 1 = \{h_1, h_2\}$ to close on a finite-dimensional Lie algebra. The commutation relations for this Lie algebra are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{h_1, h_2\}_\omega &= h_0, & \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega &= -h_1, & \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega &= h_2, \\
 \{h_1, h_4\}_\omega &= -h_2, & \{h_1, h_{k+4}\}_\omega &= -(k+1)h_{k+3}, & \{h_2, h_{j+3}\}_\omega &= 0, \\
 \{h_3, h_{j+3}\}_\omega &= -(j+1)h_{j+3}, & \{h_{j+3}, h_{k+4}\}_\omega &= 0, & \{h_0, \cdot\}_\omega &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

with $j = 1, \dots, r$ and $k = 1, \dots, r - 1$, which define the centrally extended Lie algebra $\overline{\mathfrak{h}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{r+1}}$. Since $\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = h_0$, this Lie algebra is not a trivial extension of $\mathfrak{h}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$, i.e. it is not isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{h}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{r+1}) \oplus \mathbb{R}$.

Then, given a Lie system X with a minimal Lie algebra C^r_{-1} , the system is a Lie–Hamilton one which admits a Lie–Hamilton algebra isomorphic to $\overline{\mathfrak{h}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{r+1}}$. Propositions 5.1 and 5.4 ensure that every Lie–Hamilton algebra for X is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{h}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^{r+1}$.

7. Application to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -Lie systems on the plane

In this section, we employ our techniques to study the properties of certain Lie systems on the plane admitting a Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$, the so-called $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -Lie systems [32,37]. More specifically, we analyse in detail Lie systems used to describe Milne–Pinney equations [14], Kummer–Schwarz equations [9] and complex Riccati equations with real t -dependent coefficients [19]. As a byproduct, our results also cover the t -dependent frequency harmonic oscillator.

7.1. Milne–Pinney equations

The Milne–Pinney equation, which is well known for its multiple properties and applications in physics (see [27] and references therein), takes the form

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega^2(t)x + \frac{c}{x^3},$$

where $\omega(t)$ is any t -dependent function and c is a real constant. By adding a new variable $y \equiv dx/dt$, we can study these equations through the first-order system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -\omega^2(t)x + \frac{c}{x^3}, \end{cases} \tag{7.1}$$

which is a Lie system [14,40]. We recall that (7.1) can be regarded as the equations of motion of the one-dimensional Smorodinsky–Winternitz system [4,22]; moreover, when the parameter c vanishes, this reduces to the harmonic oscillator (both with a t -dependent frequency). Explicitly, (7.1) is the associated system to the t -dependent vector field $X_t = X_3 + \omega^2(t)X_1$, where

$$X_1 = -x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right), \quad X_3 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{c}{x^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \tag{7.2}$$

span a finite-dimensional real Lie algebra V of vector fields isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ with commutation relations given by

$$[X_1, X_2] = X_1, \quad [X_1, X_3] = 2X_2, \quad [X_2, X_3] = X_3. \tag{7.3}$$

There are *four* classes of finite-dimensional Lie algebras of vector fields isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ in the GKO classification: P_2 and I_3 – I_5 . To determine which one is locally diffeomorphic to V , we first find out whether V is imprimitive or not. In this respect, recall that V is *imprimitive* if there exists a one-dimensional distribution \mathcal{D} invariant under the action (by Lie brackets) of the elements of V . Hence, \mathcal{D} is spanned by a non-vanishing vector field

$$Y = g_x(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + g_y(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

which must be invariant under the action of X_1, X_2 and X_3 . As g_x and g_y cannot vanish simultaneously, Y can be taken either of the following local forms

$$Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + g_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad Y = g_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}. \tag{7.4}$$

Let us assume that \mathcal{D} is spanned by the first one and search for Y . Now, if \mathcal{D} is invariant under the Lie brackets of the elements of V , we have that

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_1} Y = \left(1 - x \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial y}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \gamma_1 Y, \tag{7.5a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_2} Y = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(y \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial x} - g_y\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right] = \gamma_2 Y, \tag{7.5b}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_3} Y = -g_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{3c}{x^4} + y \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial x} + \frac{c}{x^3} \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial y}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \gamma_3 Y, \tag{7.5c}$$

for certain functions $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ locally defined on \mathbb{R}^2 . The left-hand side of (7.5a) has no term ∂_x but the right-hand one has it provided $\gamma_1 \neq 0$. Therefore, $\gamma_1 = 0$ and $g_y = y/x + G$ for a certain $G = G(x)$. Next by introducing this result in (7.5b), we find that $\gamma_2 = 1/2$ and $2G + xG' = 0$, so that $G(x) = \mu/x^2$ for $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Substituting this into (7.5c), we obtain that $\gamma_3 = -(\mu + xy)/x^2$ and $\mu^2 = -4c$. Consequently, when $c > 0$ it does not exist any non-zero Y spanning locally \mathcal{D} satisfying (7.5a)–(7.5c) and V is therefore primitive, whilst if $c \leq 0$ there exists a vector field

$$Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{y}{x} + \frac{\mu}{x^2}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad \mu^2 = -4c,$$

which spans \mathcal{D} , so that V is imprimitive. The case of \mathcal{D} being spanned by the second form of Y (7.4) can be analysed analogously and drives to the same conclusion.

Therefore the system (7.1) belongs to different classes within the GKO classification according to the value of the parameter c . The final result is established in the following statement.

Proposition 7.1. *The Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra V associated with the system (7.1), corresponding to the Milne–Pinney equations, is locally diffeomorphic to P_2 for $c > 0$, I_4 for $c < 0$ and I_5 for $c = 0$.*

Proof. Since V is primitive when $c > 0$ and this is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$, the GKO classification given in Table 1 implies that V is locally diffeomorphic to the primitive class P_2 .

Let us now consider that $c < 0$ and prove that the system is diffeomorphic to the class I_4 . We do this by showing that there exists a local diffeomorphism $\phi : (x, y) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^2_{x \neq y} \mapsto \bar{U} \subset (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2_{u \neq 0}$, satisfying that ϕ_* maps the basis for I_4 listed in Table 1 into (7.2). Due to the Lie bracket $[X_1, X_3] = 2X_2$, verified in both bases, it is only necessary to search the map for the generators X_1 and X_3 (so for X_2 this will be automatically fulfilled). By writing in coordinates

$$\phi_*(\partial_x + \partial_y) = -x\partial_y, \quad \phi_*(x^2\partial_x + y^2\partial_y) = y\partial_x + c/x^3\partial_y,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ c/u^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, $\partial_x u + \partial_y u = 0 \Rightarrow u = g(x - y)$ for a certain $g : z \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto g(z) \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $x^2\partial_x u + y^2\partial_y u = v$, then $v = (x^2 - y^2)g'$, where g' is the derivative of $g(z)$ in terms of z . Using now that $\partial_x v + \partial_y v = -u$, we get $2(x - y)g' = -g$ and, therefore, $g = \lambda/|x - y|^{1/2}$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Observe that the case $\lambda = 0$ must be rejected since ϕ can only be a diffeomorphism for $\lambda \neq 0$. Substituting $g = \lambda/|x - y|^{1/2}$ into the remaining equation $x^2\partial_x v + y^2\partial_y v = c/u^3$, we find that $\lambda^4 = -4c$. Since $c < 0$, we consistently find that

$$u = \frac{\lambda}{|x - y|^{1/2}}, \quad v = -\frac{\lambda(x + y)}{2|x - y|^{1/2}}, \quad \lambda^4 = -4c.$$

Finally, let us set $c = 0$ and search for a local diffeomorphism $\phi : (x, y) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0} \mapsto \bar{U} \subset (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that ϕ_* maps the basis corresponding to I_5 into (7.2); namely

$$\phi_*(\partial_x) = -x\partial_y, \quad \phi_*(x^2\partial_x + xy\partial_y) = y\partial_x,$$

yielding

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, $\partial_x u = 0 \Rightarrow u = g_1(y)$ for a certain $g_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Since $\partial_x v = -u$, then $v = -g_1(y)x + g_2(y)$ for another $g_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Using now the PDEs of the second matrix, we see that $xy\partial_y u = xy g'_1 = v = -g_1x + g_2$, so that $g_2 = 0$ and $g_1 = \lambda/y$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. It can be checked that the remaining equation is so fulfilled. Therefore $u = \lambda/y$ and $v = -\lambda x/y$. \square

We remark that, since the three classes P_2, I_4 and I_5 appear in Table 3, system (7.1) can always be associated to a symplectic form turning their vector fields Hamiltonian. In this respect, recall that it was recently proved, that the system (7.1) is a Lie–Hamilton one for any value of c [4]. However, we shall show that identifying it to one of the classes of the GKO classification will be useful to study the relation of this system to other ones.

7.2. Second-order Kummer–Schwarz equations

Let us turn now to the second-order Kummer–Schwarz equation written as a first-order system in the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{y^2}{x} - 2cx^3 + 2b_1(t)x, \end{cases} \tag{7.6}$$

where $b_1(t)$ is an arbitrary t -dependent function and c is a real constant. This equation appears in several mathematical problems and it is related to relevant differential equations appearing in physics [9,27].

It is well known that (7.6) is a Lie system [9,32]. In fact, it describes the integral curves of the t -dependent vector field $X_t = X_3 + b_1(t)X_1$, where

$$X_1 = 2x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_3 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{3y^2}{2x} - 2cx^3 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \tag{7.7}$$

span a Lie algebra isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ with commutation rules (7.3). Thus, V can be isomorphic to one of the four $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -Lie algebras of vector fields in the GKO classification.

As in the previous subsection, we analyse if there exists a distribution \mathcal{D} stable under V and locally generated by a vector field Y of the first form given in (7.4) (the same results by assuming the second one). So, imposing \mathcal{D} to be stable under V yields

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_1} Y = 2 \left(x \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial y} - 1 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \gamma_1 Y, \tag{7.8a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_2} Y = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(x \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial x} + 2y \frac{\partial g_y}{\partial y} - 2g_y \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \gamma_2 Y, \tag{7.8b}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_3} Y = -g_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left[X_3 g_y + \frac{3y^2}{2x^2} + 6cx^2 - \frac{3y}{x} g_y \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \gamma_3 Y, \tag{7.8c}$$

for certain functions $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ locally defined on \mathbb{R}^2 . The left-hand side of (7.8a) has no term ∂_x and the right-hand one does not have it provided $\gamma_1 = 0$. Hence, $\gamma_1 = 0$ and $g_y = y/x + F$ for an $F = F(x)$. In view of (7.8b), we then obtain $\gamma_2 = -1$ and $F - xF' = 0$, that is, $F(x) = \mu x$ for $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Substituting g_y in (7.8c), we obtain that $\gamma_3 = -\mu x - y/x$ and $\mu^2 = -4c$. Hence, as in the Milne–Pinney equations, we find that if $c > 0$ it does not exist any Y spanning locally \mathcal{D} satisfying (7.8a)–(7.8c) and V is primitive, meanwhile if $c \leq 0$, then \mathcal{D} is spanned by the vector field

$$Y = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \left(\frac{y}{x} + \mu x \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad \mu^2 = -4c,$$

and V is imprimitive.

The precise classes of the GKO classification corresponding to the system (7.6) are summarised in the following proposition.

Proposition 7.2. *The Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra V associated with the system (7.6), associated with the second-order Kummer–Schwarz equations, is locally diffeomorphic to P_2 for $c > 0$, I_4 for $c < 0$ and I_5 for $c = 0$.*

Proof. The case with $c > 0$ provides the primitive class P_2 since $Y = 0$. If $c < 0$ we look for a local diffeomorphism $\phi : (x, y) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^2_{x \neq y} \mapsto \bar{U} \subset (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2_{u \neq 0}$, such that ϕ_* maps the basis of I_4 into (7.7), that is,

$$\phi_*(\partial_x + \partial_y) = 2x\partial_y, \quad \phi_*(x^2\partial_x + y^2\partial_y) = y\partial_x + \left(\frac{3}{2}y^2/x - 2cx^3\right)\partial_y.$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \frac{3}{2}v^2/u - 2cu^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proceeding as in the proof of Proposition 7.1 we find that $u = g(x - y)$ and $v = (x^2 - y^2)g'$ for $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. As now $\partial_x v + \partial_y v = 2u$ we obtain $2(x - y)g' = 2g$ and $g = \lambda(x - y)$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, where $\lambda \neq 0$ in order to ensure that ϕ is a diffeomorphism. The remaining equation $x^2\partial_x v + y^2\partial_y v = \frac{3}{2}v^2/u - 2cu^3$ implies that $4\lambda^2 = -1/c$, which is consistent with the value $c < 0$. Then

$$u = \lambda(x - y), \quad v = \lambda(x^2 - y^2), \quad 4\lambda^2 = -1/c.$$

In the third possibility with $c = 0$ we require that ϕ_* maps the basis of I_5 into (7.7) so fulfilling

$$\phi_*(\partial_x) = 2x\partial_y, \quad \phi_*(x^2\partial_x + xy\partial_y) = y\partial_x + \frac{3}{2}y^2/x\partial_y,$$

that is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 \\ xy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \frac{3}{2}v^2/u \end{pmatrix}.$$

By taking into account the proof of Proposition 7.1, it is straightforward to check that the four PDEs are satisfied for $u = \lambda y^2$ and $v = 2\lambda xy^2$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. As before, we require $\lambda \neq 0$ to ensure ϕ to be a diffeomorphism. \square

7.3. Complex Riccati equation with t -dependent real coefficients

Let us return to complex Riccati equations with t -dependent real coefficients in the form (2.1). We already showed that this system has a Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra diffeomorphic to $P_2 \cong \mathfrak{sl}(2)$. Therefore, it is locally diffeomorphic to the Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra appearing in the above Milne–Pinney and Kummer–Schwarz equations whenever the parameter $c > 0$. In view of the GKO classification, there exist local diffeomorphisms relating the *three* first-order systems associated with these equations. For instance, we can search for a local diffeomorphism $\phi : (x, y) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0} \mapsto \bar{U} \subset (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2_{u \neq 0}$ mapping every system (2.1) into one of

the form (7.1), e.g. satisfying that ϕ_* maps the basis (2.2) of P_2 related to the planar Riccati equation into the basis (7.2) associated with the Milne–Pinney one. By writing in coordinates

$$\phi_*(\partial_x) = -x\partial_y, \quad \phi_*[(x^2 - y^2)\partial_x + 2xy\partial_y] = y\partial_x + c/x^3\partial_y,$$

we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^2 - y^2 \\ 2xy \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ c/u^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similar computations to those performed in the proof of Proposition 7.1 for the three PDEs $\partial_x u = 0$, $\partial_x v = -u$ and $(x^2 - y^2)\partial_x u + 2xy\partial_y u = v$ gives $u = \lambda/|y|^{1/2}$ and $v = -\lambda x/|y|^{1/2}$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ to ensure that ϕ is a diffeomorphism. Substituting these results into the remaining equation we find that $\lambda^4 = c$ which is consistent with the positive value of c . Consequently, this maps the system (2.1) into (7.1) and the solution of the first one is locally equivalent to solutions of the second one.

Summing up, we have explicitly proven that the three Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ given by the classes P_2 , I_4 and I_5 given in Table 3 cover the following $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ -Lie systems:

- P_2 : Milne–Pinney and Kummer–Schwarz equations for $c > 0$ as well as complex Riccati equations with real t -dependent coefficients.
- I_4 : Milne–Pinney and Kummer–Schwarz equations for $c < 0$.
- I_5 : Milne–Pinney and Kummer–Schwarz equations for $c = 0$ and the harmonic oscillator with t -dependent frequency.

This means that, only within each class, they are locally diffeomorphic and, therefore, there exists a local change of variables mapping one into another. Thus, for instance, there does not exist any diffeomorphism mapping the Milne–Pinney and Kummer–Schwarz equations with $c \neq 0$ to the harmonic oscillator. These results also explain from a geometric point of view the existence of the known diffeomorphism mapping Kummer–Schwarz equations to Milne–Pinney equations [27] provided that the sign of c is the same in both systems.

8. Applications to biological, mathematical and physical models

In this section we focus on new applications of the Lie–Hamilton approach to Lotka–Volterra type systems and to a viral infection model. We also consider here the analysis of Buchdahl equations which can be studied through a Lie–Hamilton system diffeomorphic to a certain t -dependent Lotka–Volterra system.

8.1. Generalised Buchdahl equations

We call generalised Buchdahl equations [6,16,17] the second-order differential equations

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = a(x) \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + b(t) \frac{dx}{dt},$$

where $a(x)$ and $b(t)$ are arbitrary functions of their respective arguments. In order to analyse whether these equations can be studied through a Lie system, we add the variable $y \equiv dx/dt$ and consider the first-order system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = a(x)y^2 + b(t)y. \end{cases} \tag{8.1}$$

Note that if $(x(t), y(t))$ is a particular solution of this system with $y(t_0) = 0$ for a particular $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, then $y(t) = 0$ for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x(t) = \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover, if $a(x) = 0$, then the solution of the above system is also trivial. As a consequence, we can restrict ourselves to studying particular solutions on $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$ with $a(x) \neq 0$.

Next let us prove that (8.1) is a Lie system. Explicitly, this is associated with the t -dependent vector field $X_t = X_1 + b(t)X_2$, where

$$X_1 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + a(x)y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}. \tag{8.2}$$

Since

$$[X_1, X_2] = -X_1,$$

these vector fields span a Lie algebra V isomorphic to \mathfrak{h}_2 leaving invariant the distribution \mathcal{D} spanned by $Y \equiv X_1$. Since the rank of \mathcal{D}^V is two, V is locally diffeomorphic to the imprimitive class I_{14A} with $r = 1$ and $\eta_1(x) = e^x$ given in Table 3. This proves for the first time that generalised Buchdahl equations written as the system (8.1) are, in fact, not only a Lie system [9] but a Lie–Hamilton one.

Next by determining a symplectic form obeying $\mathcal{L}_{X_i}\omega = 0$, with $i = 1, 2$ for the vector fields (8.2) and the generic ω (4.2), it can be shown that this reads

$$\omega = \frac{\exp(-\int a(x)dx)}{y} dx \wedge dy,$$

which turns X_1 and X_2 into Hamiltonian vector fields with Hamiltonian functions

$$h_1 = y \exp\left(-\int a(x')dx'\right), \quad h_2 = -\int \exp\left(-\int a(\bar{x})d\bar{x}\right)dx',$$

respectively. Note that all the these structures are properly defined on $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$ and hold $\{h_1, h_2\} = h_1$. Consequently, the system (8.1) has a t -dependent Hamiltonian given by $h_t = h_1 + b(t)h_2$.

8.2. A family of time-dependent Lotka–Volterra systems

Consider the specific t -dependent Lotka–Volterra system [26,38] of the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax - g(t)(x - ay)x, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = ay - g(t)(bx - y)y, \end{cases} \tag{8.3}$$

where $g(t)$ is a t -dependent function representing the variation of the seasons and a, b are certain real parameters describing the interactions among the species. We hereafter focus on the case $a \neq 0$, as otherwise the above equation becomes, up to a t -reparametrization, an autonomous differential equation that can easily be integrated. We also assume $g(t)$ to be a non-constant function and we restrict ourselves to particular solutions on $\mathbb{R}_{x,y \neq 0} = \{(x, y) \mid x \neq 0, y \neq 0\}$ (the remaining ones can be trivially obtained).

Let us prove that (8.3) is a Lie system and that for some values of the real parameters $a \neq 0$ and b this is a Lie–Hamilton system as well. This system describes the integral curves of the t -dependent vector field $X_t = X_1 + g(t)X_2$ where

$$X_1 = ax \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + ay \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = -(x - ay)x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - (bx - y)y \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

satisfy

$$[X_1, X_2] = aX_2, \quad a \neq 0.$$

Hence, X_1 and X_2 are the generators of a Lie algebra V of vector fields isomorphic to \mathfrak{h}_2 leaving invariant the distribution \mathcal{D} on $\mathbb{R}_{x,y \neq 0}$ spanned by $Y \equiv X_2$. According to the values of the parameters $a \neq 0$ and b we find that:

- When $a = b = 1$, the rank of \mathcal{D}^V on the domain of V is one. In view of Table 1 the Lie algebra V is thus isomorphic to I_2 and, by taking into account Table 3, we conclude that X is a Lie system, but not a Lie–Hamilton one.
- Otherwise, the rank of \mathcal{D}^V is two, so that this Lie algebra is locally diffeomorphic to I_{14A} with $r = 1$ and $\eta_1 = e^{ax}$ given in Table 3 and, consequently, X is a Lie–Hamilton system. As a straightforward consequence, when $a = 1$ and $b \neq 1$ the system (8.3) is locally diffeomorphic to the generalised Buchdahl equations (8.1).

Let us now derive a symplectic structure (4.2) turning the elements of V into Hamiltonian vector fields by solving the system of PDEs $\mathcal{L}_{X_1}\omega = \mathcal{L}_{X_2}\omega = 0$. The first condition reads in local coordinates

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_1}\omega = (X_1f + 2af)dx \wedge dy = 0.$$

So we obtain that $f = F(x/y)/y^2$ for any function $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. By imposing that $\mathcal{L}_{X_2}\omega = 0$, we find

$$\mathcal{L}_{X_2}\omega = [(b - 1)x^2 + (a - 1)yx] \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + f[(b - 2)x + ay] = 0.$$

Notice that, as expected, f vanishes when $a = b = 1$. We study separately the remaining cases: i) $a \neq 1$ and $b \neq 1$; ii) $a = 1$ and $b \neq 1$; and iii) $a \neq 1$ and $b = 1$.

When both $a, b \neq 1$ we write $f = F(x/y)/y^2$, thus obtaining that ω reads, up to a non-zero multiplicative constant, as

$$\omega = \frac{1}{y^2} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{a}{1-a}} \left(1 - a + (1 - b)\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{b-1}} dx \wedge dy, \quad a, b \neq 1.$$

From this, we obtain the following Hamiltonian functions for X_1 and X_2 :

$$h_1 = a(1 - b)^{1 + \frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{b-1}} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{b-1}} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{1 - b}, \frac{1}{1 - a} + \frac{1}{1 - b}; \frac{b - 2}{b - 1}; \frac{y(1 - a)}{x(b - 1)}\right),$$

$$h_2 = -y \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} \left[(1 - a) + (1 - b)\frac{x}{y} \right]^{\frac{1}{a-1} + \frac{1}{b-1} + 1},$$

where ${}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \zeta)$ stands for the well-known hypergeometric function ${}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(\alpha)_n(\beta)_n / (\gamma)_n] z^n / n!$ with $(\delta)_n = \Gamma(\delta + n) / \Gamma(\delta)$ being the rising Pochhammer symbol. As expected, $\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -ah_2$.

When $a = 1$ and $b \neq 1$, the symplectic form for X becomes

$$\omega = \frac{1}{y^2} \exp\left(\frac{y - (b - 2)x \ln|x/y|}{(b - 1)x}\right) dx \wedge dy, \quad b \neq 1,$$

and the Hamiltonian functions for X_1 and X_2 read

$$h_1 = -\left(\frac{1}{1 - b}\right)^{\frac{1}{b-1}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{1 - b}, \frac{y}{x(1 - b)}\right), \quad h_2 = (b - 1)x \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{b-1}} \exp\left(\frac{y}{(b - 1)x}\right),$$

with $\Gamma(u, v)$ being the incomplete Gamma function, which satisfy $\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -h_2$.

Finally, when $b = 1$ and $a \neq 1$, we have

$$\omega = \frac{1}{y^2} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{a}{1-a}} \exp\left(\frac{x}{y(a - 1)}\right) dx \wedge dy, \quad a \neq 1.$$

Then, the Hamiltonian functions for X_1 and X_2 are, in this order,

$$h_1 = a(1 - a)^{\frac{1}{1-a}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{1 - a}, \frac{x}{y(1 - a)}\right), \quad h_2 = (a - 1)y \exp\left(\frac{x}{y(a - 1)}\right) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-a}}.$$

Indeed, $\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -ah_2$.

8.3. A class of quadratic polynomial systems

The system of differential equations [34]

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = b(t)x + c(t)y + d(t)x^2 + e(t)xy + f(t)y^2, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = y, \end{cases} \tag{8.4}$$

where $b(t), c(t), d(t), e(t)$ and $f(t)$ are arbitrary t -dependent functions, is a certain variation of a type of quadratic interacting two species models [21]. It describes particular types of t -dependent Lotka–Volterra systems and it also belongs to the class of quadratic polynomial systems with a unique singular point at the origin [34].

In general, this system is not a Lie system. For instance, consider the particular system associated to the t -dependent vector field

$$X_t = d(t)X_1 + e(t)X_2 + X_3, \quad X_1 = x^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_2 = xy \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_3 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

where $d(t)$ and $e(t)$ are non-constant and non-proportional functions. Notice that V^X contains X_1, X_2 and their successive Lie brackets, i.e. the vector fields

$$\overbrace{[X_2, \dots [X_2, X_1] \dots]}^{n\text{-times}} = x^2 y^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \equiv Y_n.$$

Hence, $[X_2, Y_n] = Y_{n+1}$ and the family of vector fields $X_1, X_2, X_3, Y_1, Y_2, \dots$ span an infinite-dimensional family of linearly independent vector fields over \mathbb{R} . In consequence, X is not a Lie system.

Hereafter we analyse the cases of (8.4) with $d(t) = e(t) = 0$ which provides quadratic polynomial systems that are Lie systems. We call them *quadratic polynomial Lie systems*; these are related to the system of differential equations [34]

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = b(t)x + c(t)y + f(t)y^2, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = y. \end{cases} \tag{8.5}$$

Note that if a solution $(x(t), y(t))$ of the above system is such that $y(t_0) = 0$ for a certain t_0 , then $y(t) = 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and the corresponding $x(t)$ can be then easily obtained. In view of this, we focus on those particular solutions within $\mathbb{R}_{y \neq 0}^2$. The system (8.5) is associated with the t -dependent vector field on $\mathbb{R}_{y \neq 0}^2$ of the form $X_t = X_1 + b(t)X_2 + c(t)X_3 + f(t)X_4$, where

$$X_1 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_3 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_4 = y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x},$$

satisfy the commutation rules

$$\begin{aligned}
 [X_1, X_2] &= 0, & [X_1, X_3] &= X_3, & [X_1, X_4] &= 2X_4, \\
 [X_2, X_3] &= -X_3, & [X_2, X_4] &= -X_4, & [X_3, X_4] &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that $V \simeq V_1 \times V_2$ where $V_1 = \langle X_1, X_2 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$ and $V_2 = \langle X_3, X_4 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$. In addition, the distribution \mathcal{D} spanned by $Y \equiv \partial_x$ is invariant under the action of the above vector fields so, V is imprimitive. In view of Table 1, we find that (8.5) is a Lie system corresponding to the imprimitive class I_{15} with $V \simeq \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$. By taking into account our classification given in Table 3, we know that this is not a Lie algebra of vector fields with respect to any symplectic structure.

8.4. Quadratic polynomial Lie–Hamilton systems

We now consider a subcase of (8.5) that provides a Lie–Hamilton system. In view of Table 3, the Lie subalgebra $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ of V is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure, that is, $I_{14} \subset I_{15}$ as shown in Table 2. So, it is natural consider the restriction of (8.5) to

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = bx + c(t)y + f(t)y^2, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = y, \end{cases} \tag{8.6}$$

where $b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 2\}$ and $c(t), f(t)$ are still t -dependent functions. The system (8.6) is associated with the t -dependent vector field $X_t = X_1 + c(t)X_2 + f(t)X_3$ on $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 0\}$, where

$$X_1 = bx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_2 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_3 = y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tag{8.7}$$

satisfy the commutation relations

$$[X_1, X_2] = (1 - b)X_2, \quad [X_1, X_3] = (2 - b)X_3, \quad [X_2, X_3] = 0. \tag{8.8}$$

Therefore, the vector fields (8.7) generate a Lie algebra $V \simeq V_1 \times V_2$, where $V_1 = \langle X_1 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}$ and $V_2 = \langle X_2, X_3 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$. The domain of V is $\mathbb{R}^2_{y \neq 0}$ and the rank of \mathcal{D}^V is two. Moreover, the distribution \mathcal{D} spanned by the vector field $Y \equiv \partial_x$ is stable under the action of the elements of V , which turns V into an imprimitive Lie algebra. Finally, observe that X_2, X_3 are proportional at each point. So, V must be locally diffeomorphic to the imprimitive Lie algebra I_{14} for $r = 2$ displayed in Table 1. We already know that the class I_{14} is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a symplectic structure.

By imposing $\mathcal{L}_{X_i} \omega = 0$ for the vector fields (8.7) and the generic symplectic form (4.2), it can be shown that ω reads

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^{b+1}},$$

which turns (8.7) into Hamiltonian vector fields with Hamiltonian functions

$$h_1 = -\frac{x}{y^b}, \quad h_2 = \frac{y^{1-b}}{1-b}, \quad h_3 = \frac{y^{2-b}}{2-b}, \quad b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 2\}.$$

Note that all the above structures are properly defined on $\mathbb{R}_{y \neq 0}^2$. The above Hamiltonian functions span a three-dimensional Lie algebra with commutation relations

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = (b - 1)h_2, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = (b - 2)h_3, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = 0.$$

Consequently, V is locally diffeomorphic to the imprimitive Lie algebra I_{14A} of Table 3 with $r = 2$. If we assume that $V = V^X$, then the Lie–Hamilton algebra for (8.6) is $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2$ (also $(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2) \oplus \mathbb{R}$). The system (8.6) has a t -dependent Hamiltonian

$$h_t = bh_1 + c(t)h_2 + d(t)h_3 = -b\frac{x}{y^b} + c(t)\frac{y^{1-b}}{1-b} + d(t)\frac{y^{2-b}}{2-b}.$$

We point out that the cases of (8.6) with either $b = 1$ or $b = 2$ also lead to Lie–Hamilton systems, but now belonging, both of them, to the class I_{14B} of Table 3 as a central generator is required. For instance if $b = 1$, the commutation relations (8.8) reduce to

$$[X_1, X_2] = 0, \quad [X_1, X_3] = X_3, \quad [X_2, X_3] = 0, \tag{8.9}$$

while the symplectic form and the Hamiltonian functions are found to be

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^2}, \quad h_1 = -\frac{x}{y}, \quad h_2 = \ln|y|, \quad h_3 = y,$$

which together with $h_0 = 1$ close the (centrally extended) Lie–Hamilton algebra $\overline{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2}$, that is,

$$\{h_1, h_2\}_\omega = -h_0, \quad \{h_1, h_3\}_\omega = -h_3, \quad \{h_2, h_3\}_\omega = 0, \quad \{h_0, \cdot\}_\omega = 0. \tag{8.10}$$

A similar result can be found for $b = 2$.

8.5. A primitive model of viral infection

Finally, let us consider a t -dependent version of a simple viral infection model given by [18, p. 242]

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = (\alpha(t) - g(y))x, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \beta(t)xy - \gamma(t)y, \end{cases} \tag{8.11}$$

where $g(y)$ is a real positive function taking into account the power of the infection. Note that if a particular solution satisfies $x(t_0) = 0$ or $y(t_0) = 0$ for a $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, then $x(t) = 0$ or $y(t) = 0$, respectively, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$. As these cases are trivial, we restrict ourselves to studying particular solutions within $\mathbb{R}_{x,y \neq 0}^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \neq 0, y \neq 0\}$.

The simplest possibility consists in setting $g(y) = \delta$, where δ is a constant. In this case, (8.11) describes the integral curves of the t -dependent vector field $X_t = (\alpha(t) - \delta)X_1 + \gamma(t)X_2 + \beta(t)X_3$, on $\mathbb{R}^2_{x,y \neq 0}$, where the vector fields

$$X_1 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_2 = -y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_3 = xy \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

satisfy the relations (8.9). So, X is a Lie system related to a Vessiot–Guldberg Lie algebra $V \simeq \mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$ where $\langle X_1 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle X_2, X_3 \rangle \simeq \mathbb{R}^2$. The distribution \mathcal{D}^V has rank two on $\mathbb{R}^2_{x,y \neq 0}$. Moreover, V is imprimitive, as the distribution \mathcal{D} spanned by $Y \equiv \partial_y$ is invariant under the action of vector fields of V . Thus V is locally diffeomorphic to the imprimitive Lie algebra I_{14B} for $r = 2$ and, in view of Table 3, the system X is a Lie–Hamilton one.

Next we obtain that V is a Lie algebra of Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to the symplectic form

$$\omega = \frac{dx \wedge dy}{xy}.$$

Then, the vector fields X_1 , X_2 and X_3 have Hamiltonian functions $h_1 = \ln|y|$, $h_2 = \ln|x|$, $h_3 = -x$, which along $h_0 = 1$ close the relations (8.10) defining the Lie algebra $(\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$. If we assume $V^X = V$, the t -dependent Hamiltonian $h_t = (\alpha(t) - \delta)h_1 + \gamma(t)h_2 + \beta(t)h_3$ gives rise to a Lie–Hamiltonian structure $(\mathbb{R}^2_{x,y \neq 0}, \omega, h)$ for X and a Lie–Hamilton algebra $(\mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2)$.

9. Discussion and open problems

We have determined which Lie algebras of the GKO classification correspond to Hamiltonian vector fields with respect to a Poisson structure around a generic point. We found that only eleven of the initial 28 classes of finite-dimensional Lie algebras on the plane obtained by GKO are of this type. In turn, these classes give rise to twelve families of Lie algebras of Hamiltonian vector fields. This led to classifying Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane.

To illustrate our results, we have studied some new Lie and Lie–Hamilton systems of interest that belong to the classes P_2 , I_2 , I_4 , I_5 , I_{14A} , I_{14B} and I_{15} . In particular, our classification has been used to show that Kummer–Schwarz, Milne–Pinney equations (both with $c > 0$) and complex Riccati equations with t -dependent real coefficients are related to the same Lie–Hamilton algebra P_2 , a fact which was used to explain the existence of a local diffeomorphism that maps each one of these systems into another. We also showed that the t -dependent harmonic oscillator, arising from Milne–Pinney equations when $c = 0$, corresponds to class I_5 and this can only be related through diffeomorphisms to the Kummer–Schwarz equations with $c = 0$, but not with complex Riccati equations with real t -coefficients.

The new Lie and Lie–Hamilton systems analysed in this work contribute to enlarge the applications of Lie systems. We still aim to identify other relevant models through Lie–Hamilton systems and we plan to derive superposition rules for all Lie–Hamilton systems on the plane by applying the algebraic method devised in [4], which makes use of Casimir functions and Poisson coalgebra structures. Additionally, there are plenty of Lie systems on the plane with polynomial quadratic coefficients. We plan to study the existence and the maximal number of their cyclic limits so as to investigate the so-called second Hilbert’s number $H(2)$ for these systems [28].

This could be a first step to analyse the XVI Hilbert's problem through our Lie techniques. Finally, we plan to study the existence of finite-dimensional Lie algebras of Killing vector fields on the plane with respect to a Riemannian metric and, in general, to continue our study of the geometric properties of Lie algebras of vector fields on the plane. Work on these lines is currently in progress.

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