

POLYOMORPHISMS CONJUGATE TO DILATIONS

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1. Background and terminology

Consider **polynomial** maps $f : \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$ and their **dilations** $sf(x)$ by complex scalars s . That is, maps f whose components f_i are polynomials with complex coefficients in the n variables $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = x \in \mathbf{C}^n$. The question, first raised by O.-H. Keller in 1939 [10] for polynomials over the integers but now also raised for complex polynomials and, as such, known as **The Jacobian Conjecture (JC)**, asks whether a *polynomial* map f with nonzero constant Jacobian determinant $\det f'(x)$ need be a **polyomorphism**: I.e., *bijective with polynomial inverse*. It suffices to prove *injectivity* because in 1960–62 it was proved, first in dimension 2 by Newman [19] and then in all dimensions by Białynicki-Birula and Rosenlicht [4], that, for polynomial maps, surjectivity follows from injectivity; and furthermore, under Keller’s hypothesis, the inverse $f^{-1}(x)$ will be polynomial, at least in the complex case, if the polynomial map is bijective. The group of all polyomorphisms of \mathbf{C}^n is denoted $\mathbf{GA}_n(\mathbf{C})$. It is isomorphic to the group $\mathbf{Aut} \mathbf{C}[\mathbf{x}]$ of automorphisms σ of the polynomial ring $\mathbf{C}[\mathbf{x}]$ by means of the correspondence $\phi(f) = \sigma$ where $\sigma(x_i) = f_i(x)$. Polynomial maps $f(x)$ satisfying $\det f'(x) = \text{const} \neq 0$ are called **Keller maps**. We can and do assume that $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = I$. Five main problems arise:

Problem#1. Classify all **Keller maps** $f : \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$. Open for $n \geq 2$.

Problem#2. Classify all **polyomorphisms** $f : \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$. See [3, 7, 17].

The Theorem of van der Kulk & Jung [7, 9, 11, 17] which states that *every polyomorphism of \mathbf{C}^2 is the composition of a finite number of affine and triangular ones* solves Problem#2 for $n = 2$. Thus the structure of $\mathbf{GA}_n(\mathbf{C})$ is well understood for $n = 2$; but it’s an open problem for $n \geq 3$.

Problem#3. Is every Keller map a polyomorphism? (This is Keller’s **JC**.)

It has been shown [2] that to prove **JC** $\forall n \geq 2$ it suffices to prove it (but also $\forall n \geq 2$) for maps of the form $f(x) = x - g(x)$ where $g(tx) \equiv t^3g(x)$. Then Keller's condition $\det f'(x) = \text{const} \neq 0$ is equivalent to nilpotence of $g'(x)$; for a proof see [12, Lemma 1(c) page 112]. **JC** is open for $n \geq 2$.

Problem#4. Classify all **cubic-homogeneous** $g(x)$ satisfying $g'(x)^n \equiv 0$. Open for $n \geq 5$. See Hubbers [8]. Drużkowski [6] reduced **JC** to the case of **cubic-linear** maps $f(x) = x - [\text{diag}(Ax)]^2 Ax$. We say the **kernel-matrix** A is **admissible** if $g'_A(x) \equiv 3[\text{diag}(Ax)]^2 A$ is nilpotent for all x . Matrices A and D are called **cubic-similar** [13] (denoted $A \overset{\text{cubic}}{\sim} D$) if, for some matrix P in $\mathbf{GL}_n(\mathbf{C})$, $g'_A(Pu)P = Pg'_D(u)$, $\forall u \in \mathbf{C}^n$. The rank of A and the nilpotence-indices of $g'(x)$ and $[\text{diag}(Ax)][\text{diag}(Ay)]A$ (but not that of A) are cubic-similarity invariants.

Problem#5. Classify all admissible matrices A . For $n \leq 4$ see [8, 13, 14]. Open for $n \geq 5$. *Quadratic* analogues of Problems #4 & #5 are also open.

2. What's in this paper & Proposition 1

In this paper we use examples of polyomorphisms f , many taken from [12, 13, 14, 15, 16], to construct various examples of *global conjugations* $h_s(x) \equiv h(s, x)$ of $sf(x)$ to $L_s(x) \equiv sx$. All of the examples of h_s that we worked out (except for the *nonhomogeneous* one discussed in §§ 6 & 6.1) turned out to be *1-parameter families of polyomorphisms*. The degrees of our examples are tabulated in §§ 3 & 6. Five of the examples themselves are listed in §§ 5, 6, & 7. Three more examples are given in the Appendix. What we have been able to *prove* globally is stated below in Proposition 1. Our attempts [5] to adapt the Poincaré-Siegel Theory & Methods (cf. §§ 9 & A.1) directly to our case led mostly only to *local* results.—Reality or just us?

Proposition 1 *Let $f : \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$ be a nonlinear polynomial mapping of the form $f(x) = x - g(x)$ with $g(0) = 0$, $g'(0) = 0$, and $\det f'(x) = 1$ for all x in \mathbf{C}^n . Then, evidently, for each complex number s , except for certain roots of unity, there is a (unique) formal power series $h_s(x) \equiv h(s, x)$ such that $\det h'_s(0) \neq 0$ and*

$$h(s, sf(x)) = sh(s, x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{C}^n. \quad (1)$$

Furthermore:

1. $h_s(0) = 0$; and we may assume without loss of generality $h'_s(0) = I$.
2. $h_0(x) = x - g(x) = f(x)$. That is, $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} h_s(x) = x - g(x) = f(x)$.
3. If f is injective, then, for $k_s(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} sh\left(\frac{1}{s}, \frac{x}{s}\right) \equiv L_s \circ h_{1/s} \circ L_s^{-1}(x)$,
 - (a) $k(s, sf^{-1}(x)) = sk(s, x)$ (i.e., k_s is to f^{-1} as h_s is to f), and
 - (b) $f^{-1}(x) = k_0(x) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sh\left(\frac{1}{s}, \frac{x}{s}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t}h(t, tx)$.

4. The map f is injective iff for each x , $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} h_s(x) = x$.
 5. For maps $f(x) = x - g(x)$ with $g(tx) = t^2g(x)$, we find

$$h_s(x) = x + \frac{g(x)}{(s-1)} + \frac{sg'(x)g(x)}{(s-1)(s^2-1)} + \frac{s(1+s^2)g(g(x))}{(s-1)(s^2-1)(s^3-1)} + \dots \quad (2)$$

6. For maps $f(x) = x - g(x)$ with $g(tx) = t^3g(x)$, we find

$$h_s(x) = x + \sum_{k=1} c_k(s)H_k(x) \quad (3)$$

where $H_k(tx) = t^{2k+1}H_k(x)$ and $c_k(s) = p_k(s)/(s^2-1) \cdots (s^{2k}-1)$.

TABLE 1. Polynomials $p_k(s)$ and vector-functions $H_k(x)$ in (3)

$k \geq 1$	$p_k(s)$	$H_k(x)$	$\deg H_k$
1	1	$g(x)$	3
2	s^2	$g'(x)g(x)$	5
3	$s^2(1+s^4)$	$g'(g(x))x$	7
4	$s^2(1+s^2)(1-s^2+3s^4-s^6+s^8)$	$g(g(x))$	9

For the 5D cubic-homogeneous, non-cubic-linear, examples $H02-H07$ in Table 3 we find a *different* term of degree 7 in the series (3) for $h_s(x)$: Instead of $g'(g(x))x$ as listed above for cubic-linear maps, we find $H_3(x) = g'(x)^2g(x)$ and $p_3(s) = s^6$. But not so for Rusek's example after it is reduced to a cubic-homogeneous!

3. Proof of Proposition 1

Proof of 1. If there is a mapping h_s satisfying Eq. (1), then at $x = 0$ we find $h_s(0) = 0$ (because $s \neq 1$). Since, for each linear map L , h_s can be replaced by $L \circ h_s$ in Eq. (1), we may assume without loss of generality that $h'_s(0) = I$; just take $L = h'_s(0)^{-1}$. \square

Proof of 2. Differentiating Eq. (1) with respect to s we get

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial s}(s, s f(x)) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(s, s f(x))f(x) = h(s, x) + s \frac{\partial h}{\partial s}(s, x).$$

At $s = 0$ this yields

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial s}(0, 0) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(0, 0)f(x) = h(0, x). \quad (4)$$

But since $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(s, 0) = h'_s(0) = I$ for all s , $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(0, 0) = I$ too. Thus (4) becomes

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial s}(0, 0) + f(x) = h(0, x).$$

But $f(0) = h(s, 0) = 0$, so $\frac{\partial h}{\partial s}(0, 0) = 0$ and $f(x) = h(0, x)$ as claimed. \square

Proof of 3(a). By replacing s by $1/s$ in Eq. (1) we obtain

$$h_{1/s}(f(x)/s) = h_{1/s}(x)/s.$$

Then replacing x by $f^{-1}(x)$, we obtain

$$h_{1/s}(x/s) = h_{1/s}(f^{-1}(x))/s.$$

Exchanging sides and multiplying through by s^2 we obtain (as desired):

$$k(s, s f^{-1}(x)) = s h_{1/s}((s f^{-1}(x))/s) = s (s h_{1/s}(x/s)) = s k(s, x).$$

Proof of 3(b). Follows from 3(a) and part 2. above. \square

Proof of 4. First assume $h_\infty(x) = x$: Then if $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ it follows from (1) that $h_s(x_1) = h_s(x_2)$ for all but finitely many complex numbers s . But as s tends to ∞ , $h_s(x)$ tends to x for every $x \in \mathbf{C}^n$. Consequently, $x_1 = x_2$, so that f is injective. Next assume that f^{-1} exists. Then

$$x = f^{-1}(f(x)) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s h\left(\frac{1}{s}, \frac{f(x)}{s}\right) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} h(t, t f(x)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(t, x).$$

\square

Proof of 5. Under the assumption that g is quadratic-homogeneous, repeated partial differentiation of Eq. (1) with respect to the components of x leads (uniquely) to the Formula (2). That it is valid (as far as it goes) is verified by the examples of h_s for quadratic-homogeneous maps f that we worked out by using Formula (2). These examples of h_s were first computed by using Formula (2) and then verified independently of Formula (2) by checking directly that they satisfy Eq. (1). \square

Proof of 6. Under the assumption that g is cubic-homogeneous, repeated partial differentiation of Eq. (1) leads to the Formula (3). That it is valid (as far as it goes) was verified by examples of h_s for cubic-homogeneous maps f that we worked out by using Formula (3) and the entries in the Table 1. These examples of h_s were then verified independently by checking directly that they satisfy Eq. (1). \square

This completes the proof of Proposition 1.

Q.E.D.

TABLE 2. Degrees of Cubic-Linear Examples

Dim & Name A	$\deg f$	$\deg f^{-1}$	$\deg h_s$	$\deg h_s^{-1}$	The Map
2D- $J(1.2)^T$	3	3	3	3	Not given
2D- $J(1.2)$	3	3	3	3	See Sec. 5
3D- $J(1.2)$	3	3	3	3	Not given
3D- $J(2.3)$	3	9	9	9	See Sec. 5
4D- $J(1.2)$	3	3	3	3	Not given
4D- $J(2.2)$	3	3	3	3	Not given
4D- $J(2.3)$	3	9	9	9	Not given
4D- $N(2.3)$	3	9	9	9	Not given
4D- $J(3.4)$	3	27	27?	Incomplete	Not given
4D- $N(3.4)$	3	27	27?	ditto	Not given
5D- $J(1.2)$	3	3	3	3	Not given
5D- $J(2.2)$	3	3	3	3	Not given
5D- $J(2.3)$	3	9	9	9	Not given
5D- $J(3.3)$	3	9	9	9	Not given
5D- $J(3.4)$	3	27	27?	Incomplete	Not given
5D- $J(4.5)$	3	81	81?	ditto	Not given
5D- $N(2.3a)$	3	9	9	9	Not given
5D- $N(3.3a)$	3	9	9	9	Not given
5D- $N(3.4a)$	3	27	27?	Incomplete	Not given
5D- $N(3.4b)$	3	27	27?	ditto	Not given
5D- $N(4.5a)$	3	81	81?	ditto	Not given

Table 2 compares the degrees of f , f^{-1} , h_s , and h_s^{-1} satisfying Eq. (1) for 21 cubic-linear polyomorphisms $f(x) = x - [\text{diag}(Ax)]^2 Ax$ defined by a kernel matrix A ($= J(1.2)^T, J(1.2), \dots$). These matrices A are 20 of the 27 admissible matrices listed on the next page. They were given in [13, 14] as **distinct representatives of cubic-similarity equivalence classes**. In each case, the map $h_s(x)$ defined by Eq. (1), turns out to be a *polyomorphic-conjugation* of $sf(x)$ to sx . In each of the names $X(\rho.\nu)$ in the left column, ρ is the **rank** of A and ν is the **nilpotence-index** of $g'_A(x) = 3[\text{diag}(Ax)]^2 A$. The name $X = J$ means it is one of the usual Jordan normal forms; but the name $X = N$ means it is not a Jordan normal form. Note that for each *triangularizable* cubic-linear polyomorphism $f(x)$ in this table

$$\deg(h_s^{-1}) = \deg(h_s) = \max\{\deg f, \deg f^{-1}\} = (\min\{\deg f, \deg f^{-1}\})^{\nu-1} = 3^{\nu-1}. \quad (5)$$

All entries are in agreement with Rusek [22, Conjecture 5.5, page 20].

5. Two cubic-linear maps showing f , f^{-1} , h_s and h_s^{-1}

$$y = f(x) = x - g(x) = x - [\text{diag}(Ax)]^2 Ax$$

2D-J(1.2)

Degrees $\{f, f^{-1}, h_s, h_s^{-1}\} = \{3, 3, 3, 3\}$, $g'(x)^2 = 0$, $B(x, y)^2 = 0$, and $g(g(x)) = 0$.

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2^3 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad f^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 + y_2^3 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \frac{x_2^3}{s^2-1} \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad h_s^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - \frac{y_2^3}{s^2-1} \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

3D-J(2.3)

Degrees $\{f, f^{-1}, h_s, h_s^{-1}\} = \{3, 9, 9, 9\}$, $g'(x)^3 = 0$, $B(x, y)^3 = 0$, and $g(g(g(x))) = 0$.

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2^3 \\ x_2 - x_3^3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad f^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 + y_2^3 + 3y_2^2 y_3^3 + 3y_2 y_3^6 + y_3^9 \\ y_2 + y_3^3 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + \frac{x_2^3}{s^2-1} + \frac{3s^2 x_2^2 x_3^3}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} + \\ \frac{3s^2 (s^4+1) x_2 x_3^6}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)} + \\ \frac{s^2 (1-s^2+3s^4-s^6+s^8) x_3^9}{(s-1)^4 (s+1)^4 (s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)(s^4+1)} \end{array} \right\} \\ x_2 + \frac{x_3^3}{s^2-1} \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1 + \frac{y_2^3}{s^2-1} + \frac{3y_2^2 y_3^3}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} - \\ \frac{3y_2 y_3^6}{(s^2-1)^3 (s^4+s^2+1)} + \frac{y_3^9}{(s^2-1)^4 (s^6+s^4+s^2+1)} \end{array} \right\} \\ y_2 - \frac{y_3^3}{s^2-1} \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. Rusek's Example & Other Non-cubic-linear Examples

The 2D-example represented by the first line in Table 3 is qualitatively different from all the other examples discussed in this paper: It is a Keller map of the form $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} - g(\vec{x})$ with $g(\vec{x})$ *not homogeneous*. Here it is with $\vec{x} = (x, y)$: $f(x, y) = (x + (y + x^2)^2, y + x^2)$. It is the composition $f = (L \circ QL) \circ (L \circ QL)$, where $L(x, y) = (y, x)$ is linear and $QL(x, y) = (x, y + x^2)$ is quadratic-linear. The series for its Schröder function is $h(s, x, y) =$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} x - \frac{y^2}{(s-1)} + \frac{2x^2y}{(s-1)^2(s+1)} - \frac{4s^2xy^3}{(s-1)^3(s+1)(s^2+s+1)} - \frac{(s^2+1)x^4}{(s-1)^3(s+1)(s^2+s+1)} \\ y - \frac{x^2}{(s-1)} + \frac{2sx^2y^2}{(s-1)^2(s+1)} - \frac{4sx^3y}{(s-1)^3(s+1)(s^2+s+1)} - \frac{s(s^2+1)y^4}{(s-1)^3(s+1)(s^2+s+1)} \end{array} \right] + \dots$$

By Eq. (5) deg h_s should be 4. But there are terms of degree 5 and higher:

$$+ \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{4s^2(s^3+s+3)x^3y^2}{(s-1)^4(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)} + \frac{2s^2(s^2-s+1)y^5}{(s-1)^4(s+1)(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)} \\ \frac{4s(3s^3+s^2+1)x^2y^3}{(s-1)^4(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)} + \frac{2s(s^2-s+1)x^5}{(s-1)^4(s+1)(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)} \end{array} \right] + \dots$$

Nevertheless, the Formula $\mathcal{B}(b)$ of Prop. 1 gets f^{-1} even if $h_s(x)$ is an infinite series: Using all terms of degree ≤ 7 (degrees 6 & 7 are given in § 6.1 below)

$$f^{-1}(x, y) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} h(t, tx, ty) = (x - y^2, y - (x - y^2)^2).$$

Indeed, all terms of $h(t, tx, ty)/t$ not part of f^{-1} become zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$. However, it is shown in § 6.2 that the Schröder function $h(s, x)$ corresponding to the BCW-reduction of Rusek's example to cubic-homogeneous form is again a *polyomorphism* for each s .

6.1. DEGREE 6 & 7 SCHRÖDER-TERMS FOR RUSEK'S 2D

Here are a few more terms of the series for the 1-parameter family of conjugations h_s which corresponds to Rusek's non-homogeneous polynomial map $f(x, y) = (x + (y + x^2)^2, y + x^2)$ discussed above.

All terms of $h_s(x)$ of degree 6:

$$+ \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{-2s^2(5+3s+8s^3+18s^4+3s^5+3s^7)x^2y^4}{(s-1)^5(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \\ \frac{-2s(3+3s^2+18s^3+8s^4+3s^6+5s^7)x^4y^2}{(s-1)^5(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \end{array} \right]$$

$$+ \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{-4s^2(3+2s+2s^3+3s^4)x^5y}{(s-1)^5(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \\ \frac{-4s^4(3+2s+2s^3+3s^4)xy^5}{(s-1)^5(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2+s+1)(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \end{array} \right] + \dots$$

All terms of $h_s(x)$ of degree 7:

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left[\frac{4s^3(1-s+2s^2+7s^3+2s^5+7s^7+2s^8-s^9+s^{10})xy^6}{(s-1)^6(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)^2(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \frac{4s(1-s+2s^2+7s^3+2s^5+7s^7+2s^8-s^9+s^{10})x^6y}{(s-1)^6(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)^2(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \right] \\
& + \left[\frac{4s^2(5+6s+11s^3+36s^4+26s^5+10s^6+6s^7+15s^8+15s^9)x^4y^3}{(s-1)^6(s+1)^3(s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)^2(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \frac{4s^4(15+15s+6s^2+10s^3+26s^4+36s^5+11s^6+6s^8+5s^9)x^3y^4}{(s-1)^6(s+1)^3(s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)^2(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \right] \\
& + \left[\frac{4s^2(1+s^3+s^4+s^5+s^8)x^7}{(s-1)^6(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)^2(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \frac{4s^4(1+s^3+s^4+s^5+s^8)y^7}{(s-1)^6(s+1)^2(s^2+1)(s^2-s+1)(s^2+s+1)^2(s^4+s^3+s^2+s+1)} \right] + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

The **denominator zeros** ± 1 , $\pm i$, $\pm \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}$, $\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5} \pm \sqrt{2} \sqrt{-5 \mp \sqrt{5}}}{4}$ are all on the unit circle. Indeed, they are roots of unity.

If in Eq. (1) we use only a truncated form $\tilde{h}(s, x, y)$ of $h(s, x, y)$, say all terms only up to a certain degree, then we find that all terms in Eq. (1) having the same degree as those present in $\tilde{h}(s, x, y)$ are annihilated. Thus, e.g., if $\tilde{h}(s, x, y)$ contains only the terms of degrees 1 through 7 (as written above), then the difference $\tilde{h}(s, sf(x)) - \tilde{h}(s, x)$ contains only terms of degrees greater than 7.

6.2. REDUCTION OF 2D-RUSEK TO 5D-CUBIC-HOMOGENEOUS

Now we show that the Schröder function $h(s, x)$ corresponding to the cubic-homogeneous polyomorphism $F(x)$, obtained by applying the Bass-Connell-Wright (BCW) Reduction-of-Degree to Rusek's nonhomogeneous polyomorphism [21] $f(x, y) = (x + (y + x^2)^2, y + x^2)$, is itself a *polyomorphism* for each s . At Curaçao David Wright helped me get the reduction

$$F(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_5(x_2^2 - x_3^2 - x_4x_5) \\ x_2 + x_1^2x_5 \\ x_3 + x_1^2x_5 \\ x_4 + 2x_1^2(x_2 - x_3) \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We easily find

$$F^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - y_2^2 y_5 + y_3^2 y_5 + y_4 y_5^2 \\ y_2 - y_5 (y_1 - y_2^2 y_5 + y_3^2 y_5 + y_4 y_5^2)^2 \\ y_3 - y_5 (y_1 - y_2^2 y_5 + y_3^2 y_5 + y_4 y_5^2)^2 \\ y_4 + 2(y_3 - y_2)(y_1 - y_2^2 y_5 + y_3^2 y_5 + y_4 y_5^2)^2 \\ y_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

It has degree 7 so $h(s, x)$ must have x -degree *at least* 7. In order to obtain the Schröder function $h(s, x)$ for this 5-dimensional polyomorphism $F(x)$ I used the general formula which follows from Eq. (1) for this particular type of polynomial automorphism: Namely,—

$$h(s, x) = x + g(x)/(s^2 - 1) + s^2 Dg(x)g(x)/((s^2 - 1)(s^4 - 1)) + s^2(s^4 + 1)Dg(g(x))x/((s^2 - 1)(s^4 - 1)(s^6 - 1)).$$

So for this particular example we obtain the explicit formula $h(s, x) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + \frac{x_5(-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)}{s^2 - 1} \\ x_2 - \frac{x_1^2 x_5}{s^2 - 1} - \frac{2s^2 x_1 x_5^2 (-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)}{s^6 - s^4 - s^2 + 1} - \frac{s^2(s^4 + 1)x_5^3 (-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)^2}{s^{12} - s^{10} - s^8 + s^4 + s^2 - 1} \\ x_3 - \frac{x_1^2 x_5}{s^2 - 1} - \frac{2s^2 x_1 x_5^2 (-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)}{s^6 - s^4 - s^2 + 1} - \frac{s^2(s^4 + 1)x_5^3 (-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)^2}{s^{12} - s^{10} - s^8 + s^4 + s^2 - 1} \\ x_4 + \frac{2x_1^2(x_3 - x_2)}{(s^2 - 1)} + \frac{4s^2 x_1(x_3 - x_2)x_5(-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)}{s^6 - s^4 - s^2 + 1} + \frac{2s^2(s^4 + 1)(x_3 - x_2)x_5^2(-x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4 x_5)^2}{s^{12} - s^{10} - s^8 + s^4 + s^2 - 1} \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that it is indeed a *polyomorphism* (of degree 7). Thus, although the Schröder function $h(s, x)$ for the *nonhomogeneous* polyomorphism $f(x, y) = (x + (y + x^2)^2, y + x^2)$ is not itself polynomial in x , the Schröder function for its reduction to “*cubic-homogeneous*” form *is* a polyomorphism .

Table 3 compares the degrees of f , f^{-1} , h_s , and h_s^{-1} as defined by Eq. (1), for some *non-cubic-linear* maps. All but the first entry are of the form $f(x) = x - g(x)$ with $g(tx) = t^3 g(x)$ and $g'(x)^n = 0$. It shows that part of Eq. (5) persists for non-cubic-linear maps of the form x +homogeneous:

$$\deg h_s^{-1} = \deg h_s = \max\{\deg f, \deg f^{-1}\} \leq 3^{\nu-1}.$$

In the names 5D-Hab(ρ, ν) in the left column of Table 3, ρ is the rank and ν is the *nilpotence-index* of $g'_A(x)$. The Jacobian $g'(x)$ is called **Strongly Nilpotent (S.N.)** if arbitrary products $g'(x)g'(y) \cdots g'(z)$ are zero for all x, y, \dots, z in \mathbf{C}^n . The 5-dimensional examples $H00$ – $H14$ were given in [12] as examples that are not Strongly Nilpotent. Example $H00$ has the distinction that its bilinear $B(x, y)$ -matrix is not identically nilpotent.

TABLE 3. Degrees of Non-cubic-linear Examples

<i>Dim & Name</i>	$\deg f$	$\deg f^{-1}$	$\deg h_s$	$\deg h_s^{-1}$	Comments
2D-Rusek [21]	4	4	infinite	infinite	$x + nonhomog$. See §§ 6 & 6.1
5D-ROD-Rusek	3	7	7	7	Reduced to cubic-hom. See § 6.2
3D power-exact [16]	3	5	5	5	$g'(x)$ & $g'(x)^2$ both exact
5D-H00(3.4)	3	5	5	5	Not S.N. & $B(x, y)^n \neq 0$
5D-H01(3.4)	3	5	5	5	Not S.N. & $B(x, y)^4 \equiv 0$
5D-H02(3.4)	3	7	7	7	ditto
5D-H03(3.4)	3	7	7	7	ditto
5D-H04(3.4)	3	7	7	7	See Sec. 7. Not S.N.
5D-H05(3.4)	3	7	7	7	Not S.N. & $B(x, y)^4 \equiv 0$
5D-H06(3.4)	3	7	7	7	ditto
5D-H07(3.4)	3	7	7	7	ditto
5D-H08(4.5)	3	13	13?	Incomplete	Not S.N. & $B(x, y)^5 \equiv 0$
5D-H09(4.5)	3	13	13?	ditto	ditto
5D-H10(4.5)	3	15	15?	ditto	ditto
5D-H11(4.5)	3	19	19?	ditto	ditto
5D-H12(4.5)	3	19	19?	ditto	ditto
5D-H14(4.5)	3	21	21?	ditto	ditto

7. Another cubic-homogeneous but not cubic-linear

$y = f(x) = x - g(x) \neq x - [diag(Ax)]^2 Ax$, $g(tx) = t^3 g(x)$, and $g'(x)^n = 0$

5D-H04(3.4) This example is cubic-homogeneous, but not cubic-linear, not strongly nilpotent, and not triangularizable. It, and all H -examples in Table 3, are from [12].

Degrees $\{f, f^{-1}, h_s, h_s^{-1}\} = \{3, 7, 7, 7\}$, $g'(x)^4 = 0$, $g(g(x)) = 0$, $B(x, g(x))^2 = 0$, $B(x, y)^4 = 0$, and $g'(x)$ is not S.N.

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 - x_1^2 x_3 - c x_5^3 \\ x_3 - x_1^2 x_4 - x_2 x_5^2 \\ x_4 - x_1^2 x_5 + x_3 x_5^2 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 + y_1^2 y_3 + y_1^4 y_4 + y_1^6 y_5 + y_1^2 y_2 y_5^2 + c y_5^3 + c y_1^2 y_5^5 \\ y_3 + y_1^2 y_4 + y_1^4 y_5 + y_2 y_5^2 + c y_5^5 \\ y_4 + y_1^2 y_5 - y_3 y_5^2 - y_1^2 y_4 y_5^2 - y_1^4 y_5^3 - y_2 y_5^4 - c y_5^7 \\ y_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s(x) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 + \frac{s^2 x_1^2 (x_1^2 x_4 + x_2 x_5^2)}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} + \frac{x_1^2 x_3 + c x_5^3}{(s^2-1)} + \frac{s^6 (x_1^6 x_5 + c x_1^2 x_5^5)}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1) (s^2-s+1) (s^2+s+1)} \\ x_3 + \frac{x_1^2 x_4 + x_2 x_5^2}{s^2-1} + \frac{s^2 (x_1^4 x_5 + c x_5^5)}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} \\ x_4 + \frac{x_5 (x_1^2 - x_3 x_5)}{s^2-1} - \frac{s^2 x_5^2 (x_1^2 x_4 + x_2 x_5^2)}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} + \frac{s^6 (-x_1^4 x_5^3 - c x_5^7)}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1) (s^2-s+1) (s^2+s+1)} \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s^{-1}(y) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_2 + \frac{y_1^4 y_4}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} - \frac{y_1^6 y_5}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1) (s^2-s+1) (s^2+s+1)} - \frac{c y_5^3}{s^2-1} \\ - \frac{y_1^2 y_3}{s^2-1} + \frac{y_1^2 y_2 y_5^2}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} - \frac{c y_1^2 y_5^5}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1) (s^2-s+1) (s^2+s+1)} \end{array} \right\} \\ y_3 - \frac{y_1^2 y_4}{s^2-1} + \frac{y_1^4 y_5}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} - \frac{y_2 y_5^2}{s^2-1} + \frac{c y_5^5}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_4 + \frac{y_3 y_5^2}{s^2-1} + \frac{y_1^4 y_5^3}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1) (s^2-s+1) (s^2+s+1)} - \frac{y_2 y_5^4}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} \\ + \frac{c y_5^7}{(s-1)^3 (s+1)^3 (s^2+1) (s^2-s+1) (s^2+s+1)} + \frac{y_1^2 y_5 (1-s^4 - y_4 y_5)}{(s-1)^2 (s+1)^2 (s^2+1)} \end{array} \right\} \\ y_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Conjectures: What seems to be true

For each example we computed (except for Rusek's discussed in §6), the mapping h_s defined by the (inverse) Schröder Eq. (1) turned out to be a *polyomorphism* of \mathbf{C}^n and a *conjugation* of $sf(x)$ to sx ; not merely a *holomorphic* mapping or a *formal power series*. (The equation $F \circ H = H \circ L$ is sometimes called **Schröder's Equation**; and H is called **Schröder's map**. Our Eq. (1) has the form $h \circ F = L \circ h$, so our h is H^{-1} .) Indeed, each polyomorphism $f : \mathbf{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$, with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = I$, seems to

have an associated homotopy $h : \mathbf{C}_s \times \mathbf{C}_x^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$ such that, for all but finitely many complex numbers s , h_s is an automorphism of \mathbf{C}^n and conjugates $sf(x)$ to sx by means of the Eq. (1). Each h_s is at least a formal power series in the variables $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, uniquely determined by Eq. (1) with $h'_s(0) = I$. Furthermore, in many cases (e.g., for all polynomial maps of the form $f(x) = x + \text{cubic-homogeneous}$) $h_s(x)$ is actually a polyomorphism of \mathbf{C}^n which is defined *for all but finitely many complex numbers s on the unit circle*, and we always interpret the limits

$$f^{-1}(x) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s h(1/s, t/s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} h(t, tx)$$

in β (b) of Prop. 1 to mean the *term-by-term* limit of the series. Thus, — If $g(x)$ is a cubic-homogeneous polynomial mapping of \mathbf{C}^n into itself with nilpotent Jacobian, then we add to the following four older conjectures

1. $g(\mathbf{C}^n)$ is contained in a proper linear subspace of \mathbf{C}^n ,
2. Some iterate of g is identically zero,
3. The Jacobian (derivative) matrix of every iterate of g is nilpotent,
4. If $\mathcal{B}(x, y) := g' \left(\frac{x+y}{2} \right) - g' \left(\frac{x-y}{2} \right)$, then $\mathcal{B}(u, v)(u - v) = (u - v)$ only for $u = v$,

the following **linearization conjecture**:

5. To the mapping $f(x) = x - g(x)$ there corresponds a one-parameter family of *polynomial* maps $x \mapsto h_s(x)$ which satisfies the (inverse) Schröder Eq. (1) for all x in \mathbf{C}^n and *for all but finitely many complex numbers s on the unit circle*. Furthermore, each (defined) h_s is itself a polyomorphism of \mathbf{C}^n which conjugates $sf(x)$ to sx ; and satisfies $h_0(x) = f(x)$ and $h_\infty(x) = x$ for all x in \mathbf{C}^n . In addition, we conjecture that $\deg h_s^{-1} = \deg h_s = \max\{\deg f, \deg f^{-1}\}$.

9. The Poincaré-Siegel Theory

The **Poincaré-Siegel Theory of Linearization and Non-Resonance** ([1, Chap. 5] & [18, § 3]) implies dilated polyomorphisms $sf(x) = sx - sg(x)$ are *analytically* conjugate to their linear part at least *locally*. That they are *globally* and *polyomorphically* so, at least when $g(x)$ is *homogeneous* with *nilpotent* Jacobian, is indicated by the results presented in this paper. We briefly summarize the Poincaré-Siegel Theory in order to show its connection with conjugations of dilated polyomorphisms. See also [7, 20, 23, 24].

Definition of Resonances. The n -tuple $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ of **eigenvalues** of a linear map L , such as the derivative map $x \mapsto f'(0)x$ at the fixed-point $x = 0$ of a mapping $f(x)$, is said to be **resonant** if one of these eigenvalues (say s_k) satisfies: $s_k = s^m = s_1^{m_1} \cdots s_n^{m_n}$, for integers $m_j \geq 0$ with $|m| = m_1 + \cdots + m_n \geq 2$. This is called a **resonance of order** $|m|$.

Poincaré's Theorem. Let f be analytic at $x = 0$, $f(0) = 0$, and assume the eigenvalues $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ of $f'(0)$ are not in resonance (of any order $|m|$); then there exists a formal power series $h(x)$ so that

$$h^{-1}(f(h(x))) = f'(0)x.$$

Siegel's Theorem. Let f be analytic at $x = 0$ with $f(0) = 0$. If the eigenvalues $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ of $f'(0)$ are of **multiplicity-type** (C, ν) , for some positive constants C and ν , in the sense that

$$|s_j - s^m| \geq C/|m|^\nu$$

for all $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ with $|m| \geq 2$ and $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, then the formal power series for h and h^{-1} which occur in Poincaré's Theorem converge near $x = 0$.

The Special Case of Dilated Polyomorphisms. For each complex s , the eigenvalues of the linear map $x \mapsto sf'(0)$ are all equal to s . Then Siegel's inequality $|s_j - s^m| \geq C/|m|^\nu$ is satisfied for some constants C and ν .

Appendix

A. Nelson's example, Anick's example & Reduction of Degree

A.1. NELSON'S EXAMPLE OF THE POINCARÉ-SIEGEL THEORY

Nelson [18, page 32] gives the following 2-dimensional example to illustrate the fact that it is not always possible to choose coordinates at a fixed point of a vector field so that it becomes locally linear there. But his example is a family of *polyomorphisms* which is *generically* even *globally* conjugate to its linear part;—in both ways of considering it:

A.1.1. *First, as Discrete Dynamical Systems (iteration).*

Nelson's example is the mapping

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = f \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} ax + cy^2 \\ by \end{bmatrix},$$

with $abc \neq 0$.

Its inverse is easily found to be

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = f^{-1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} (u/a) - (cv^2)/(ab^2) \\ v/b \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can find $h = (p, q)$ satisfying $h \circ f = L \circ h$ by repeatedly differentiating

$$h \left(\begin{bmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} p(u, v) \\ q(u, v) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p(x, y) \\ q(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ap(x, y) \\ bq(x, y) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

and evaluating at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ with $h(0) = 0$ and $h'(0) = I$. Thus we find

$$h \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x + cy^2/(a - b^2) \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad h^{-1} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x - cy^2/(a - b^2) \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

If $a = b^2$, h does not exist even locally. Otherwise (6) holds *globally*!

A.1.2. *Second, as continuous dynamical systems (vector fields).*

The vector field $(\dot{x}, \dot{y}) = (u, v) = (ax + cy^2, by)$ is linearized to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x & p_y \\ q_x & q_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_x & p_y \\ q_x & q_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ap \\ bq \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

by differentiating (7) repeatedly and evaluating at $(0, 0)$ with $R(0) = 0$ & $R'(0) = I$, where $R = (p, q)$. Thus we obtain

$$R \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x + cy^2/(a - 2b) \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

One easily checks that, with this R , (7) holds *globally* for $a \neq 2b$; but not even locally when $a = 2b$, which is Nelson's point. Moreover, both of the coordinate-changes h and R are *polyomorphisms* of \mathbf{C}^2 , except at the resonances ($a = b^2$ for h and $a = 2b$ for R);—not merely *analytic* automorphisms.

A.2. ANICK'S 4D CUBIC-HOMOGENEOUS NON-TRIANGULARIZABLE

4D-A(2.3) This example of a non-triangularizable, not-known-to-be-tame but stably tame, cubic-homogeneous map occurs in David Wright's paper [25]; and is also discussed in Hubbers' Thesis [8, § 1.5]. But its source is evidently the paper by Martha K. Smith [Stably Tame Automorphisms, *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra* **58** (1989) 209–212] where it is called a (previously) unpublished example of David Anick. This example satisfies $y = f(x) = x - g(x) \neq x - [\text{diag}(Ax)]^2 Ax$, $g(tx) = t^3 g(x)$, and $g'(x)^n = 0$.

Degrees $\{f, f^{-1}, h_s, h_s^{-1}\} = \{3, 3, 3, 3\}$, $g'(x)^3 = 0$, $g(g(x)) = 0$, $B(x, g(x))^2 = 0$, $B(x, y)^4 \neq 0$, and $g'(x)$ is not S.N.

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 - x_1 x_2 \quad x_3 - x_2^2 x_4 \\ x_4 + x_1 x_2 \quad x_4 + x_1^2 x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad f^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 + y_1 y_2 \quad y_3 + y_2^2 y_4 \\ y_4 - y_1 y_2 \quad y_4 - y_1^2 y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 + x_2 (x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_4) / (s^2 - 1) \\ x_4 - x_1 (x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_4) / (s^2 - 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_s^{-1}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 - y_2 (y_1 y_3 + y_2 y_4) / (s^2 - 1) \\ y_4 + y_1 (y_1 y_3 + y_2 y_4) / (s^2 - 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

It is interesting to note that although the matrix $g'(x) \equiv B(x, x) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 x_3 & x_1 x_3 + 2 x_2 x_4 & x_1 x_2 & x_2^2 \\ -2 x_1 x_3 - x_2 x_4 & -x_1 x_4 & -x_1^2 & -x_1 x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is nilpotent for all x , the bilinear matrix $B(x, y) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{x_3 y_2 + x_2 y_3}{2} & \frac{x_3 y_1 + 2 x_4 y_2 + x_1 y_3 + 2 x_2 y_4}{2} & \frac{x_2 y_1 + x_1 y_2}{2} & x_2 y_2 \\ \frac{-2 x_3 y_1 - x_4 y_2 - 2 x_1 y_3 - x_2 y_4}{2} & \frac{-x_4 y_1 - x_1 y_4}{2} & -x_1 y_1 & \frac{-x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

is *not* nilpotent for some $x \neq y$. For it was proved in [12, §3.3] that if we define $\mathcal{B}(x, y) := g'\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - g'\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$, then the mapping $f(x) = x - g(x)$ is injective if and only if $\mathcal{B}(u, v)(u - v) = (u - v)$ only for $u = v$. As Anick's example illustrates, *nilpotence* of $\mathcal{B}(x, y)$ is not *necessary*, although it is clearly *sufficient*, for the latter condition to hold.

A.3. REDUCTION ALGORITHM

Here is the algorithm used to “reduce” the (dimension-2, degree-4) map in § 6.2 to a (dimension-5, degree-3) map of the special form $x + \text{cubic-homogeneous}$. It is based on what I learned from Arno van den Essen and David Wright. It is an algorithm to transform a polynomial Keller map $f : C^n \rightarrow C^n$ to one of the form $F : C^{(n+m)} \rightarrow C^{(n+m)}$ with $m \geq 1$, $F(x) = x - g(x)$, $g(tx) = t^3g(x)$, and $\det F'(x) = 1$. Given a Keller map $f(x)$, we first get it into the form $x + \dots$ by subtracting $f(0)$ and multiplying by $[f'(0)]^{-1}$. Then apply the following processes to *each component* of the mapping $f(x)$ as often as necessary:

Process I. Reduction to the form $x + [\text{terms of degrees 2 and 3 only}]$.

Case 1. If a component f_i (assumed here to be f_1) contains a perfect square $S(x)^2$ of degree > 3 , then write $f(x, u) = (f(x), u)$ and $F(x, u) :=$

$$G(f(H(x, u))) = (f_1(x) - (u + S(x))^2, f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x), u + S(x)),$$

where $G = (x_1 - u^2, x_2, \dots, x_n, u)$ and $H = (x_1, \dots, x_n, u + S(x))$.

Case 2. If a component f_i (assumed here to be f_1) of degree > 3 does not contain a perfect square, then let M be a homogeneous term in it of degree > 3 that factors as $M = PQ$ with $\deg P = 2$. (This is always possible by expanding f_i if necessary into a sum of monomials.) In this case write $f(x, u, v) = (f(x), u, v)$ and $F(x, u, v) := G(f(H(x, u, v))) =$

$$(f_1(x) - (u + P(x))(v + Q(x)), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x), u + P(x), v + Q(x)),$$

where $G = (x_1 - uv, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, v)$ and $H = (x_1, \dots, x_n, u + P, v + Q)$. Note that S (or M) has been eliminated from F and that both G and H are polyomorphisms with unit Jacobian determinant; therefore $\det F' = \det[(G \circ f \circ H)'] = \det f'(H)$. Furthermore, F is a polyomorphism iff f is.

Process II. Homogenization to the form $x + [\text{terms of degree 3 only}]$.

Replace each cubic term in each component of F by (*minus new variable*) and tack on at the end an additional component: [(*this new variable*) + (*that cubic term*)]. Then tack on a final new variable t as an additional component at the end, and multiply each term in all other components (other than the leading linear term x_i) by a power of t necessary to make it cubic. This introduces $c + 1$ new dimensions where c is the number of components of F that contain cubics.

EXAMPLE #1: The map $f(x, y) = (x + (y + x^2)^2, y + x^2)$ reduces to

$$F(x, y, u, v, t) = (x + t(y^2 - u^2 - tv), y + tx^2, u + tx^2, v + 2x^2(y - u), t);$$

or to the *different* cubic-homogeneous mapping (reduction is not unique)

$$F(x, y, u, v, t) = (x - t(2uy + u^2 + tv), y + tx^2, u + tx^2 + ty^2, v - 2ux^2, t).$$

EXAMPLE #2: Nagata's conjectured non-tame polyomorphism

$$f = (x - 2y(xz + y^2) - z(xz + y^2)^2, y + z(xz + y^2), z).$$

Using the above Reduction Process I (case #2) applied twice: First with $P = -(xz + y^2)$ and $Q = (xz + y^2)z$, and second with $P = -(xz + y^2)$ and $Q = zu$; followed by the Homogenization Process II with new variables w, p, q, t ; we obtain the cubic-homogeneous polyomorphism of \mathbf{C}^{11}

$$F = (x - wt^2 - wvt - rst, y - pt^2, z, u - t(xz + y^2), v - qt^2, r - t(xz + y^2), s + zut, w + (s + v - 2y)(xz + y^2) - zur, p + z(xz + y^2), q + z(xz + y^2), t).$$

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