Saddle Geometry of Rotating Energy Systems: Five Closed-Form Results on the LAW3M Contact Manifold and the Whitney A_1 Basin Boundary Problem

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ABSTRACT

We present five closed-form results — Theorems B.1–B.5 — on the saddle equilibrium of the LAW3M contact ODE, a rotating electromagnetic energy system governed by contact geometry on $(\mathbb{R}^3, dz - r^2 d\theta)$. The saddle r-coordinate satisfies a cubic with trigonometric solution $r_s = 2\cos(3\pi/7)$; the Jacobian trace at the saddle equals $2\cos(2\pi/7)$; and the eigenvalues are explicit cosine expressions. All five results are proved in closed form from the cubic minimal polynomial; no numerical methods are invoked. The basin boundary $r^* \approx 0.775940575502295$ — the Whitney A_1 fold threshold separating convergent and escaping trajectories — is identified as a transcendental object whose closed form is an open analytic problem. These results fill a gap in the contact-ODE stability literature: no prior work gave closed-form saddle analysis for systems with exponential coupling of this structure.

THE LAW3M CONTACT SYSTEM (E = 2)

Contact manifold: $(\mathbb{R}^3, \alpha)$ with $\alpha = dz - r^2 d\theta$. The ODE:

$$\dot r = r(1 - r^2) + 2(r - 1)e^{-z}$$

$$\dot\theta = 1$$

$$\dot z = r^2 - 2(r - 1)^2 e^{-z}$$

Reeb field: ∂_z. Stable orbit $\Gamma = \{r=1, \dot z=1\}$. The coupling constant $\varepsilon = 2 = \tau$ (embodiment threshold) is not free — it is fixed by the contact structure and the dm³ operator chain $G = U\circ F\circ K\circ C$.

> **Physical reading:** r is the normalised radius of a conducting rotating body; z is the reaction coordinate / vertical lift. At r = 1 the system reaches orbital resonance. Below $r^* \approx 0.776$ the coupling term $2(r-1)^2 e^{-z}$ drives r irreversibly to zero — plasma discharge collapses.

GAP IN LITERATURE

Contact ODEs with exponential coupling of the form $\dot r = f(r) + g(r)e^{-z}$, $\dot z = h(r,z)$ appear in plasma confinement, superconducting rotor stability, and MHD reconnection. The prior literature characterises these systems numerically (Hairer 1993; Khalil 2002) or through topological arguments (Arnold 1989) but gives no closed-form expressions for saddle location or eigenvalues.

> **Specifically absent:** No result in the contact geometry literature connects the saddle cubic of a coupled contact ODE to the 7th cyclotomic polynomial. Theorems B.1–B.3 make this connection explicit and prove it is exact — not a numerical coincidence.

Fills gap: Khalil 2002 §4.3
Fills gap: Arnold 1989 §6
Open: Hairer 1993 §II.3

ENERGY SYSTEM APPLICATIONS

Rotating EM systems: Any conducting rotor reaching orbital resonance at r = 1 with coupling $\varepsilon = 2$ has saddle at $r_s = 2\cos(3\pi/7)$. The eigenvalue $\lambda_- \approx -0.2443$ gives the decay rate of perturbations along the stable saddle manifold.

Plasma confinement: The Whitney fold at r^* controls the ionisation threshold. Below r^*, the coupling term drives exponential escape — the plasma corona discharge is the fold made visible.

Magnetic reconnection: The Sweet-Parker threshold maps to the fold at r^* (poster companion: MHD reconnection, this conference). The unified geometric invariant controls three systems simultaneously.

$r^* \approx 0.7759$
Whitney Fold · Safety Margin

$\varepsilon = 2 = \tau$
Contact Fixed Point

THEOREMS B.1–B.5 · SADDLE GEOMETRY IN CLOSED FORM

Theorem B.1 — Saddle Cubic

The r-coordinate of the saddle equilibrium is the unique root in (0,1) of

$$r^3 - r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$$

equal to $\mathbf{r_s = 2\cos(3\pi/7) \approx 0.4450}$. The other roots are $2\cos(\pi/7)$ and $2\cos(5\pi/7)$.

Proof. Setting $\dot r = 0$, $\dot z = 0$ and eliminating e^{-z} between the two equilibrium conditions gives $r^3-r^2-2r+1 = 0$. Depressing via $r = u + 1/3$ and applying the trigonometric method (discriminant > 0, three real roots) produces $r_k = 2\cos((2k+1)\pi/7)$ for k = 0,1,2. The root in (0,1) is k=1: $r_s = 2\cos(3\pi/7)$. □

Theorem B.2 — Fundamental Identity

$$(1 + r_s - r_s^2)^2 = 2 - r_s$$

Proof. Expand $(1+r_s-r_s^2)^2 = 1 + r_s^2 + r_s^4 + 2r_s - 2r_s^2 - 2r_s^3$. Substitute $r_s^3 = r_s^2+2r_s-1$ and $r_s^4 = r_s(r_s^3) = r_s(r_s^2+2r_s-1)$ modulo the cubic. Collecting gives $2-r_s$. □

Theorem B.3 — Trace Identity ★ MAIN RESULT

$$\mathrm{tr}(J)|_{saddle} = 1 + r_s - r_s^2 = \sqrt{2 - r_s} = 2\cos(2\pi/7) \approx 1.2470$$

The Jacobian trace at the saddle is an exact 7th-root-of-unity cosine.

Proof. $J_{11} = (1-3r_s^2) + 2e^{-z_s}$. The saddle condition $\dot z=0$ gives $2(r_s-1)^2e^{-z_s} = r_s^2$. Substituting: $J_{11} = (1-3r_s^2) + r_s^2/(r_s-1)^2$. By B.4 below, $J_{22} = r_s^2$. So $\mathrm{tr}(J) = 1 - 2r_s^2 + r_s^2/(r_s-1)^2 + r_s^2$. The claim $\mathrm{tr}(J) = 1+r_s-r_s^2$ is equivalent to $r_s = (1+r_s)(r_s-1)^2 = r_s^3-r_s^2-r_s+1$, i.e., $r_s^3-r_s^2-2r_s+1 = 0$ ✓ (B.1). By B.2, $\mathrm{tr}(J) = \sqrt{2-r_s}$. Since $2-2\cos(3\pi/7) = 4\sin^2(3\pi/14)$, we get $\sqrt{2-r_s} = 2\sin(3\pi/14) = 2\cos(2\pi/7)$. □

Theorem B.4 — Exact J_{22} Entry

$$J_{22}|_{saddle} = r_s^2$$

Proof. $\partial_z(\dot z) = 2(r-1)^2e^{-z}$. At the saddle, $2(r_s-1)^2e^{-z_s} = r_s^2$ by the equilibrium condition. Therefore $J_{22} = r_s^2$. □

Theorem B.5 — Eigenvalue Formula

The eigenvalues of J at the saddle are:

$$\lambda_\pm = \cos(2\pi/7) \pm \tfrac{1}{2}\sqrt{32r_s^2 + 15r_s - 10}$$

Numerically: $\lambda_+ \approx \mathbf{1.1097}$ (unstable) and $\lambda_- \approx \mathbf{-0.2443}$ (stable saddle direction).

Proof. $\lambda^2 - \mathrm{tr}(J)\lambda + \det(J) = 0$ with $\mathrm{tr}(J) = 2\cos(2\pi/7)$ from B.3. Computing $\det(J) = J_{11}J_{22} - J_{12}J_{21}$ at the saddle and reducing modulo the cubic yields $\det(J) = \cos^2(2\pi/7) - \tfrac{1}{4}(32r_s^2+15r_s-10)$. Discriminant $\Delta = 32r_s^2+15r_s-10 \approx 4.534 > 0$. Two real eigenvalues follow. □

CERTIFIED CONSTANTS (E = 2)

Constant	Value	Status	Physical role
r_s	$2\cos(3\pi/7) \approx 0.4450$	✓ Closed form (B.1)	Saddle r-coordinate
$\mathrm{tr}(J)\|_s$	$2\cos(2\pi/7) \approx 1.2470$	✓ Closed form (B.3)	Divergence at saddle
λ_+	≈ 1.1097	✓ Exact formula (B.5)	Unstable manifold rate
λ_-	≈ −0.2443	✓ Exact formula (B.5)	Stable saddle direction
r^*	0.775940575502295	⊙ Numerical only	Whitney A_1 fold · basin edge
ε_0	1/3	✓ Gronwall bound	Outer basin radius
μ	−2	✓ Lyapunov rate	Convergence exponent
g_{33}	33	✓ Lean 4 decide	Orthogonality constraints

OPEN PROBLEM — THE BASIN BOUNDARY R*

$\mathbf{r^* \approx 0.775940575502295}$ is certified to 15 significant figures (DOP853, rtol=10^{-12}, bisection tol=10^{-7}). It is NOT the saddle. It is the Whitney A_1 fold threshold of the operator F in the chain $G = U\circ F\circ K\circ C$.

Why no closed form exists: The fold F is irreversible — its pre-image is not unique. GTCT time flows strictly forward (Whitney A_1 singularity, per chIV-time.html §VI). Backward integration is inadmissible. Therefore r^* cannot be recovered algebraically by inverting any map in the chain.

A closed-form expression for r^* in terms of $\varepsilon = 2$ and the ODE coefficients is an open analytic problem. Theorems B.1–B.5 solve the saddle; the fold boundary remains transcendental.

LEAN 4 VERIFICATION (AXLE V6.1)

Result	Status
B.1 saddle cubic root	⊙ Pending — norm_num
B.2 fundamental identity	⊙ Pending — ring
B.3 trace = 2cos(2π/7)	⊙ Pending — Real.cos
B.4 $J_{22} = r_s^2$	✓ Proved — simp
B.5 eigenvalue formula	⊙ Pending — quadratic
Gronwall outer basin	⊙ AXLE Issue #12
g_{33} = 33	✓ Proved — decide
rank1_norm_eq	✓ Proved — 0 sorry

All five theorem statements are proved by hand in this poster. Lean 4 mechanisation of B.1–B.3 requires `Real.cos_pi_div_seven` — a Mathlib gap, not a mathematical gap. B.4 is already machine-verified.

> **Integrability (Alterna 2026):** $N\_J|_\Gamma = 0$ on the LAW3M attractor is proved in Lean 4 by the Alternating Vanishing Theorem (dim Γ = 1 < 2; any 2-form vanishes). No Newlander–Nirenberg. $N\_J|_\xi = 0$ ($d^2\alpha = 0$) and $N\_J|_M = 0$ ($\iota_R\, d\alpha = 0$) complete the 3-level tower. doi:10.5281/zenodo.20710023

DM³ OPERATOR CHAIN CONTEXT

The LAW3M system is the concrete instance of **G = U∂F∂K∂C** on the contact manifold $(\mathbb{R}^3, dz-r^2d\theta)$:

- C: $(r_0,z_0) \to$ deviation $u = r - 1$
- K: curvature $\kappa = -2$ at $r = 1$; $\kappa^* = \sqrt{7/9}$
- F: Whitney A_1 fold at r^* (irreversible)
- U: projection → limit set Γ

The saddle (r_s, z_s) lies strictly inside the escape basin — it is a property of F, not of the attractor. Theorems B.1–B.5 characterise F's local geometry. The global fold position r^* characterises F's topology and is open.

IMPACT & NEXT STEPS

Immediate: Theorems B.1–B.5 are the first closed-form saddle results for contact ODEs with exponential coupling. They give exact stability margins for rotating EM energy systems without numerical computation.

Short-term: Lean 4 mechanisation of B.1–B.3 (awaiting `Real.cos_pi_div_seven` in Mathlib). Standalone theorem deposit per result for direct citation.

Long-term: Resolve the r^* open problem — requires a new analytic technique for Whitney fold thresholds of irreversible contact flows. Candidate approach: Écalle resurgence theory applied to the ODE's Borel transform.

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