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PERIODIC POINTS OF SOME ALGEBRAIC MAPS*

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Abstract. We study the local dynamics of maps $f(z) = -z - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^{n+1}$, where f(z) is an irreducible branch of the algebraic curve

$$z+w+\sum_{i+j=n}a_{ij}z^iw^j=0.$$

We show that the center and cyclicity problems have simple solutions when n is odd. For the case of even n some partial results are obtained.

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