

A NECESSARY CONDITION OF LOCAL INTEGRABILITY FOR A NOWHERE-ZERO COMPLEX VECTOR FIELD IN \mathbb{R}^2 .

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ABSTRACT. Let X_2 be a nowhere-zero C^∞ complex vector field in \mathbb{R}^2 . A necessary condition for the local integrability of X_2 which belongs to a certain class of non-solvable operators is investigated.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let X_n be a nowhere-zero C^∞ complex vector field defined near a point P in \mathbb{R}^n . We shall say that X_n is locally integrable at P if there exist a neighborhood Ω of P and functions $u_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1)$ satisfying $X_n u_i = 0$ in Ω such that $du_1 \wedge du_2 \wedge \dots \wedge du_{n-1}(P) \neq 0$.

In [2] and [3], Lewy showed the holomorphic extension of the solutions to homogeneous first-order partial differential equations $X_n u = 0$ ($n = 3$ and 4) and proposed a problem whether X_n is locally integrable. These papers assumed a new aspect to the concept of holomorphic hull.

So far, it is known that X_n is locally integrable at P if X_n is real-analytic or locally solvable at P (see Treves [12]); on the other hand Nirenberg [7] gave a non-solvable vector field in \mathbb{R}^2 which has no local integrability. That vector field in fact has the property that $X_2 u = 0$ admits no even non-trivial solutions near the origin (see also [6]). It is an open problem to obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for local integrability of X_n , though there are several partial results mainly when $n = 2$ ([1], [5], [8], [10], [11], for instance).

In this paper, we investigate the case when $n = 2$. The equation $X_2 u = 0$ near P is transformed into that of the form

$$Lu \equiv \partial_t + ia(t, x)\partial_x u = 0$$

near the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 , where $a(t, x)$ is a real-valued C^∞ function. Our problem is to seek a necessary and sufficient condition for $Lu = 0$ to have a solution near the origin such that $\partial_x u \neq 0$. We know that L is locally integrable at the origin if $a(t, x)$ is real-analytic with respect to x or the function $t \rightarrow a(t, x)$ does not change sign in $\{t; (t, x) \in \mathcal{O}\}$ for every x by taking a neighborhood \mathcal{O} of the origin. No one has obtained a necessary and sufficient condition yet when the function $t \rightarrow a(t, x)$ changes sign in $\{t; (t, x) \in \mathcal{O}\}$ for some x by taking any neighborhood \mathcal{O} of the origin, except for the particular case of Mizohata type vector fields.

In §2 our results are stated. Our main theorem (Theorem 3) is proved in §3. In §4, the proof of Proposition 5 which concerns the existence of non-trivial solutions is given. In §5, it is proved that the example given in §2 satisfies the required conditions.

2. RESULTS

The definition of *Mizohata type* is as follows:

Definition. X_2 is called a Mizohata type vector field if the following conditions hold:

- (i) $X_2(0)$ and $\bar{X}_2(0)$ are C -linearly dependent.
- (ii) $X_2(0)$ and $[X_2(0), \bar{X}_2(0)]$ are C -linearly independent.

Remark. L is a Mizohata type vector field if $a(0, 0) = 0$ and $a_t(0, 0) \neq 0$.

Treves [10] (see also Sjöstrand [8]) proved the following theorem:

Theorem 1. *Let X_2 be a Mizohata type vector field. X_2 is locally integrable at the origin if and only if there is a change of local coordinates such that X_2 becomes a (suitable non-vanishing C^∞ function) multiple of the Mizohata operator $\partial_{x_1} + ix_1\partial_{x_2}$.*

This is a beautiful result; it does not seem, however, to be really useful for deciding whether L is locally integrable or not. We present a necessary condition which is given by an estimate.

For a function $f(t, x)$, denote by $f_e(t, x)$ the even part of $f(t, x)$ with respect to t and by $f_o(t, x)$ the odd one. In [5] we remarked that the form of $\sup a_e(t, x)$ affects the local integrability: Let $ta(t, x) > 0$ for $t \neq 0$. In case of $\sup a_e(t, x) = \emptyset$, L is locally integrable at the origin. If $\sup a_e(t, x) \neq \emptyset$, there is a differential operator L which has no local integrability at the origin and the property that $\sup a_e(t, x) \cap U$ contains an open disc for every neighborhood U of the origin.

Now we shall require the following assumption:

(a.0): $a(0, x)$ vanishes identically.

(a.1): There is a neighborhood ω of the origin such that

$$(a.1.1) \quad ta_o(t, x) > 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \{t \neq 0\} \cap \omega$$

and

$$(a.1.2) \quad a_e(t, x) \geq 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \omega.$$

First we have the following

Lemma 2. ([5]). *Assume (a.1.1). Then there exist a neighborhood Ω_w of the origin and a function $w(t, x) \in C^1(\Omega_w)$ such that*

$$\min_{\Omega_w} \inf_{\Omega_w} \text{Re } w_x, \inf_{\Omega_w} \text{Im } w_x > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_t + ia_o(t, x)\partial_x w = 0 \quad \text{in} \quad \Omega_w.$$

Set

$$m(w, \Omega_w) = \min_{\Omega_w} \inf_{\Omega_w} \text{Re } w_x, \inf_{\Omega_w} \text{Im } w_x$$

for a function w and a neighborhood Ω_w satisfying Lemma 2. Then our main result is stated in the following form:

Theorem 3. *Assume (a.0) and (a.1). Let w and Ω_w be any one of the pairs of a function and a neighborhood satisfying Lemma 2. Assume that $Lu = 0$ has a C^1 solution near the origin such that $u_x(0) \neq 0$. Then, there exists a positive constant T_0 which is independent of w and Ω_w such that, for any simply connected domain D contained in $(0, T_0) \times (-T_0, T_0) \cap \Omega_w$ with piecewise smooth boundary ∂D , the inequality*

$$m(w, \Omega_w) \iint_D a_e dt dx \leq \sup_{\partial D} |w| \cdot |\partial D|$$

holds, where $|\partial D|$ denotes the length of the boundary ∂D .

To give an example, set $a_0(t, x) = 2t$. Then

$$w = (1 - i)(t^2 + ix) \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega_w = \mathbb{R}^2$$

satisfy Lemma 2. Since $|w| = \{2(t^4 + x^2)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$, we have $m(w, \Omega_w) = 1$. Taking a positive integer N_0 such that $N_0^{-1} < T_0$, for every integer p satisfying $p > N_0$, we have

$$\iint_D a_e(t, x) dt dx \leq 8p^{-2}$$

for $D = \left(0, \frac{1}{p}\right) \times \left(0, \frac{1}{p}\right)$. Therefore we obtain the following

Corollary 4. *Let $a_o(t, x) = 2t$. Assume (a.1.2) and the following condition:*

(b) *There exist positive constants c, d , and a monotonously increasing sequence $\{p_n\}$ of positive integers such that*

$$(2.1) \quad \iint_{D(p_k)} a_e(t, x) dt dx > \frac{9}{(p_k + d)(p_k + c)}$$

for every sufficiently large k , where $D(p_k) = \left(0, \frac{1}{p_k}\right) \times \left(0, \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$. Then L is not locally integrable at the origin.

Let us give an example:

Example. (This is obtained by modifying an example of Nirenberg [7](p.8).)

Let n and p be arbitrary positive integers. Set $a_{n,p} = \frac{1}{(n+p-1)(n+p)}$. It is noted that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n,p} = p^{-1}$ and $a_{1,p} = \frac{1}{p(p+1)}$. Let $B_{n,p}$ be the non-overlapping open disc in the (t, x) plane with center $(t, x) = \left(\frac{1}{p} - (a_{1,p} + a_{2,p} + \dots + a_{n-1,p} + \frac{a_{n,p}}{2}), \frac{1}{p+1} + \frac{1}{2p(p+1)}\right)$ and radius $\frac{a_{n,p}}{2}$, and $C_{n,p}$ the closed disc in the (t, x) plane with radius $\frac{a_{n,p}}{4}$ and the same center as $B_{n,p}$.

Let $f_{n,p}$ be a C^∞ function having the following properties:

- (i) $0 \leq f_{n,p} \leq \frac{64 \cdot 18}{\pi(n+p+1)^2}$.
- (ii) $f_{n,p}$ vanishes outside of $B_{n,p}$ and equals $\frac{64 \cdot 18}{\pi(n+p+1)^2}$ inside of $C_{n,p}$.
- Let us define the C_o^∞ function $r(t, x)$ as follows:
- (iii) $r(-t, x) = r(t, x)$.
- (iv) $r(t, x) = f_{n,p}$ in $B_{n,p}$.
- (v) $r(t, x)$ vanishes out side of the union of all the $B_{n,p}$.

Set $a_e(t, x) = r(t, x)$. Then the condition (b) in Corollary 4 is satisfied.

Concerning on the existence of non-constant solutions for $Lu = 0$ near the origin, we incidentally obtain the following necessary condition:

Proposition 5. Assume (a.1) and (a.2). Let w and Ω_w be any one of the pairs of a function and a neighborhood satisfying Lemma 1. Assume that the $Lu = 0$ has a non-constant C^1 solution near the origin. Then, for any small positive constant ε , there exist a real value x_0 in $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \cap [\Omega_w \cap t = 0]$ and a positive value T_{x_0} , which satisfies $(-T_{x_0}, T_{x_0}) \times (-T_{x_0} + x_0, T_{x_0} + x_0) \subset \Omega_w$, such that, for any simply connected domain D contained in $(0, T_{x_0}) \times (-T_{x_0} + x_0, T_{x_0} + x_0)$ with piecewise smooth boundary ∂D , the inequality

$$m(w, \Omega_w) \iint_D a_e dt dx \leq \sup_{\partial D} |w| \cdot |\partial D|$$

holds.

This can be proved in the similar way as in the proof of Theorem 3.

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 3

Multiplying u by a suitable constant $e^{i\theta}$, where θ is a real number, we can assume that $\operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta} u_\varepsilon)_x(0, 0)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(e^{i\theta} u_\varepsilon)_x(0, 0)$ are positive. So we can assume that $\operatorname{Re} \partial_x u_\varepsilon(0, 0) \equiv \alpha$ and $\operatorname{Im} \partial_x u_\varepsilon(0, 0) \equiv \beta$ are positive.

Let us set $\delta = \min(\alpha, \beta)$. Since $u_o(0, x) = 0$, we see that $\partial_x u_o(0, x) = 0$. From this and $\partial_t u_o(0, x) = 0$, there is a positive constant T such that

$$Lu = 0 \text{ in } U_T = (-T, T) \times (-T, T) \quad \text{and} \quad M = \max_{U_T} \left(\sup |\partial_t u_o|, \sup |\partial_x u_o| \right) \leq \frac{\delta}{4}.$$

There exists a positive constant T_1 such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \partial_x u_\varepsilon > \frac{\delta}{2}, \quad \operatorname{Im} \partial_x u_\varepsilon > \frac{\delta}{2} \quad \text{in } U_{T_1} = (-T_1, T_1) \times (-T_1, T_1).$$

Set $T_0 = \min(T, T_1)$ and $v = \frac{2u}{\delta}$. Then we have

$$\inf_{U_{T_0}} \partial_x \operatorname{Re} v_\varepsilon \geq \frac{\delta}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\delta} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{U_{T_0}} \partial_x \operatorname{Im} v_\varepsilon \geq \frac{\delta}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\delta} = 1.$$

And we also have

$$\max_{U_{T_0}} \left(\sup |\partial_t v_o|, \sup |\partial_x v_o| \right) \leq \frac{2M}{\delta} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since $Lv = \frac{2}{\delta} Lu = 0$, we have

$$(3.1) \quad \partial_t + ia_o(t, x) \partial_x v = -ia_\varepsilon(t, x) \partial_x v_\varepsilon.$$

Hence we have the following:

Lemma 6. For any simply connected domain D contained in $(0, T_0) \times (-T_0, T_0) \cap \Omega_w$ with piecewise smooth boundary,

$$(3.2) \quad i \iint_D a_\varepsilon w_x \partial_x v_\varepsilon dt dx = \int_{\partial D} w \partial_t v_o dt + w \partial_x v_o dx.$$

Proof. By (3.1),

$$-w_x \{(\partial_t + ia_o \partial_x) v_o\} = ia_\varepsilon w_x \partial_x v_\varepsilon.$$

And hence we have

$$(3.3) \quad \iint_D -w_x \{(\partial_t + ia_o \partial_x) v_o\} dt dx = \iint_D ia_e w_x \partial_x v_e dt dx.$$

The left-hand side of (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \iint_D -\{w_x \partial_t v_o - w_t \partial_x v_o\} dt dx = \iint_D d\{w(t, x) dv_o(t, x)\} \\ &= \int_{\partial D} w \partial_t v_o dt + w \partial_x v_o dx, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 6. \square

By Lemma 6, we have

$$(3.4) \quad \iint_D [a_e \{ \operatorname{Re} \partial_x v_e \operatorname{Im} w_x + \operatorname{Im} \partial_x v_e \operatorname{Re} w_x \}] dt dx \leq \int_{\partial D} |w \partial_t v_o dt + w \partial_x v_o dx|.$$

Denote $\min \{ \inf_{U_{T_o}} \operatorname{Re} \partial_x v_e, \inf_{U_{T_o}} \operatorname{Im} \partial_x v_e \}$ by m_o , then we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \partial_x v_e \operatorname{Im} w_x + \operatorname{Im} \partial_x v_e \operatorname{Re} w_x \geq m(w, \Omega_w) \cdot m_o \text{ in } D.$$

And so from (3.4), we have

$$m(w, \Omega_w) \cdot m_o \iint_D a_e(t, x) dt dx \leq \int_{\partial D} |w \partial_t v_o dt + w \partial_x v_o dx|.$$

As we have remarked that $m_o \geq 1$ and $M = \max \{ \sup_{U_{T_o}} |\partial_t v_o|, \sup_{U_{T_o}} |\partial_x v_o| \} \leq \frac{1}{2}$, we obtain the following inequality:

$$m(w, \Omega_w) \iint_D a_e dt dx \leq \sup_{\partial D} |w| \cdot |\partial D|,$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 3. \square

4. PROOF OF PROPOSITION 5

Suppose that $Lu = 0$ holds in a neighborhood U of the origin. We may assume that $U = U_{T_2} = (-T_2, T_2) \times (-T_2, T_2)$, where T_2 is a positive constant such that $T_2 < \varepsilon$.

Now we have the following:

Lemma 7. *There exists a real value x_0 such that $\partial_x u(0, x_0) \neq 0$ and $|x_0| < \varepsilon$.*

Proof. Assume that $\partial_x u(0, x_0)$ vanishes in $(-T_2, T_2)$. Since $a(t, x)$ is positive in $(0, T_2) \times (-T_2, T_2)$ from the assumption (a.1), L is elliptic for $t > 0$. And hence $u \in C^\infty$ for $t > 0$. Setting $v = \partial_x u$, we have $Lv + ia_x v = 0$ in $(0, T_2) \times (-T_2, T_2)$. Since $v(0, x) = 0$ in $(-T_2, T_2)$, applying the uniqueness theorem (see [4] or [9]), v vanishes in $[0, T_2) \times (-T_2, T_2)$. By the assumption (a.1), $a(t, x)$ is negative in $(-T_2, 0) \times (-T_2, T_2)$. Applying the uniqueness theorem to the equation $Lv + ia_x v = 0$ in $(-T_2, 0) \times (-T_2, T_2)$, $v = 0$ in $(-T_2, 0) \times (-T_2, T_2)$. Therefore v vanishes in $(-T_2, T_2) \times (-T_2, T_2)$. This implies that u is constant, which is a contradiction. Hence we see Lemma 7 holds. \square

Take T_2 such that $U_{T_2} \subset \Omega_w$, if necessary, we can assume that x_0 in $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \cap [\Omega_w \cap t = 0]$. Multiplying u by a suitable constant and applying Lemma 7, we can assume that there is a positive constant t_{x_0} such that

$$Lu = 0 \text{ in } U_{t_{x_0}} = (-t_{x_0}, t_{x_0}) \times (-t_{x_0} + x_0, t_{x_0} + x_0),$$

$$\max \left(\sup_{U_{t_{x_0}}} |\partial_t u_o|, \sup_{U_{t_{x_0}}} |\partial_x u_o| \right) \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\min \left(\inf_{U_{t_{x_0}}} \operatorname{Re} \partial_x u_e, \inf_{U_{t_{x_0}}} \operatorname{Im} \partial_x u_e \right) \geq 1.$$

Take a positive constant T_{x_0} such that

$$(-T_{x_0}, T_{x_0}) \times (-T_{x_0} + x_0, T_{x_0} + x_0) \subset \Omega_w \cap U_{t_{x_0}}.$$

Then we can derive the inequality:

$$m(w, \Omega_w) \iint_D a_e dt dx \leq \sup_{\partial D} |w| \cdot |\partial D|.$$

This ends the proof. \square

5. EXAMPLE

We shall show that the a_e defined in Example satisfies the condition (b).

First we set $c = 1$, $d = 2$, and $\{p_k\} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$. By putting $p_k = p$, the left-hand side of the inequality of (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \iint_{C_{n,p}} a_e dt dx + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \iint_{C_{1,k}} a_e dt dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi a_{n,p}^2}{16} \cdot \frac{64 \cdot 18}{\pi(n+p+1)^2} + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{\pi a_{1,k}^2}{16} \cdot \frac{64 \cdot 18}{\pi(k+2)^2} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 18 \cdot \left[\frac{2}{(n+p-1)(n+p)(n+p+1)} \right]^2 + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} 18 \cdot \left[\frac{2}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \right]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{(n+p-1)(n+p)(n+p+1)} &= \frac{1}{(n+p-1)(n+p)} - \frac{1}{(n+p+1)(n+p)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+p-1} - \frac{1}{n+p} - \left\{ \frac{1}{n+p} - \frac{1}{n+p+1} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+p-1} - \frac{2}{n+p} + \frac{1}{n+p+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{2}{k(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{2}{k+1} + \frac{1}{k+2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 18 \cdot \left[\frac{2}{(n+p-1)(n+p)(n+p+1)} \right]^2 + \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} 18 \cdot \left[\frac{2}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \right]^2 \\
&= 18 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n+p-1)^2} + \frac{4}{(n+p)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+p+1)^2} - 4 \left\{ \frac{1}{n+p-1} - \frac{1}{n+p} \right\} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left\{ \frac{1}{n+p-1} - \frac{1}{n+p+1} \right\} - 4 \left\{ \frac{1}{n+p} - \frac{1}{n+p+1} \right\} \right] \\
&\quad + 18 \sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{4}{(k+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(k+2)^2} - 4 \left\{ \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right\} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 4 \left\{ \frac{1}{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+2} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+2} \right\} \right] \\
&= 18 \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+p-1)^2} + \frac{4}{(n+p)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+p+1)^2} \right\} - \frac{4}{p} + \left\{ \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p+1} \right\} - \frac{4}{p+1} \right] \\
&\quad + 18 \left[\sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{4}{(k+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(k+2)^2} \right\} - \frac{4}{p+1} - \frac{4}{p+2} + \frac{1}{p+1} + \frac{1}{p+2} \right] \\
&\quad + 18 \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(n+p-1)^2} + \frac{4}{(n+p)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+p+1)^2} \right\} - \frac{3}{p} - \frac{3}{p+1} \right] \\
&\quad + 18 \left[\sum_{k=p+1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{4}{(k+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(k+2)^2} \right\} - \frac{3}{p+1} - \frac{3}{p+2} \right] \\
&= 18 \left[12 \sum_{k=p+2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{6}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{3}{p} - \frac{6}{p+1} - \frac{3}{p+2} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Put

$$S(p) = 12 \sum_{n=p+2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{p^2} + \frac{6}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{3}{p} - \frac{6}{p+1} - \frac{3}{p+2}.$$

Then we have only to prove

$$S(p) \geq \frac{1}{2(p+1)(p+2)}.$$

This proof will be given in the the following Lemma 8.

Lemma 8. *For every positive integer p ,*

$$S(p) > \frac{1}{2(p+1)(p+2)}.$$

Proof. We shall show this by mathematical induction.

First,

$$\begin{aligned}
S(1) &= 12(3^{-2} + 4^{-2} + 5^{-2} + \dots) + 1 + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{9} - 3 - 3 - 1 \\
&= 2[6\{(1^{-2} + 2^{-2} + 3^{-2} + 4^{-2} + \dots) - 1^{-2} - 2^{-2}\}] - \frac{9}{2} - \frac{1}{9} \\
&= 2\left[6\left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)\right] - \frac{9}{2} - \frac{1}{9} \\
&= 2\left(\pi^2 - 6 - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{9} \\
&= 0.1196\dots,
\end{aligned}$$

which is grater than $\frac{1}{12}$. Hence

$$S(1) > \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}.$$

Next assume

$$S(p) > \frac{1}{2(p+1)(p+2)}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&S(p+1) - \frac{1}{2(p+2)(p+3)} \\
&= 12 \sum_{n=p+3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{1}{(p+3)^2} - \frac{3}{p+1} - \frac{6}{p+2} - \frac{3}{p+3} - \frac{1}{2(p+2)(p+3)} \\
&= 12 \left\{ \sum_{n=p+2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(p+3)^2} \right\} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{1}{(p+3)^2} - \frac{3}{p+1} - \frac{6}{p+2} - \frac{3}{p+3} - \frac{1}{2(p+2)(p+3)} \\
&> \frac{1}{2(p+1)(p+2)} + \frac{3}{p} + \frac{6}{p+1} + \frac{3}{p+2} + \frac{1}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{6}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{1}{p^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{12}{(p+3)^2} + \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} + \frac{6}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{1}{(p+3)^2} - \frac{3}{p+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{6}{p+2} - \frac{3}{p+3} - \frac{1}{2(p+2)(p+3)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)} + \frac{3}{p(p+1)} + \frac{6}{(p+1)(p+2)} + \frac{3}{(p+2)(p+3)} \\
&\quad + \frac{7}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{5}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{13}{(p+3)^2} \\
&= \frac{A_1}{p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)} + \frac{A_2}{[p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)]^2},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_1 \equiv p + 3(p+2)(p+3) + 6p(p+3) + 3p(p+1) = 12p^2 + 37p + 18$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
A_2 &\equiv 7\{p(p+1)(p+3)\}^2 - 5\{p(p+2)(p+3)\}^2 - \{(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)\}^2 \\
&\quad - 13\{p(p+1)(p+2)\}^2 7p^2(p^2+4p+3)^2 - 5p^2(p^2+5p+6)^2 \\
&\quad - 13p^2(p^2+3p+2)^2 - (p^3+6p^2+11p+6)^2 \\
&= 7p^2(p^4+8p^3+22p^2+24p+9) - 5p^2(p^4+10p^3+37p^2+60p+36) \\
&\quad - 13p^2(p^4+6p^3+13p^2+12p+4) - (p^6+12p^5+58p^4+144p^3+193p^2+132p+36) \\
&= (7p^6+56p^5+154p^4+168p^3+63p^2) - (5p^6+50p^5+185p^4+300p^3+180p^2) \\
&\quad - (13p^6+78p^5+169p^4+156p^3+52p^2) \\
&\quad - (p^6+12p^5+58p^4+144p^3+193p^2+132p+36) \\
&= - (12p^6+84p^5+258p^4+432p^3+362p^2+132p+36).
\end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$S = \frac{A_1}{p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)} + \frac{A_2}{[p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)]^2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= \left\{ (12p^2+37p+18)p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (12p^6+84p^5+258p^4+432p^3+362p^2+132p+36) \right\} \Bigg/ [p(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)]^2.
\end{aligned}$$

And we see that the numerator of S

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (12p^2+37p+18)p(p^3+6p^2+11p+6) \\
&\quad - (12p^6+84p^5+258p^4+432p^3+362p^2+132p+36) \\
&= p(12p^5+72p^4+132p^3+72p^2+37p^4+222p^3 \\
&\quad + 407p^2+222p+18p^3+108p^2+198p+108) \\
&\quad - (12p^6+84p^5+258p^4+432p^3+362p^2+132p+36) \\
&= 25p^5+114p^4+155p^3+58p^2-24p-36 \geq 292.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

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