

## 8.2 Homogeneous Linear Systems with Constant Coefficients

- For each homogeneous linear system  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ , find the general solution.
- Classify the critical point  $(0,0)$  by type and stability.
- Draw the phase plane with at least 6 trajectories.

### Real, distinct Eigenvalues

$$1. \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

a. Note: a solution to this system is of the form

$\vec{x}(t) = \vec{R}_i e^{\lambda_i t}$  where  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of the given matrix  $(A)$  and  $\vec{R}_i$  is its corresponding eigenvector.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -5-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-5-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 4 \\ &= 10 + 5\lambda + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 6 \\ &= (\lambda+1)(\lambda+6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -6$$

For  $\lambda_1 = -1$  we are looking for a vector  $\vec{R}_1$  such that  $\vec{R}_1$  satisfies  $(A - \lambda_1 I)\vec{R}_1 = \vec{0}$

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} -5-(-1) & 1 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -2-(-1) & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the rows above are scalar multiples of each other. Recall that when the determinant of a matrix is 0, a row of that matrix can be

written as a linear combination of the other rows.

This is the same as saying that the matrix is not invertible. If  $\det(A - \lambda I) \neq 0$ , then  $\vec{R}_1 = (A - \lambda I)^{-1} \vec{0} = \vec{0}$ .

However, we are looking for nontrivial solutions that satisfy the homogeneous system.

Now we have  $4k_1 - k_2 = 0$

$$4k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{1 equation, 2 unknowns}$$

Let  $k_1$  be a free variable.

$$\text{Let } k_1 = 1. \text{ Then } \vec{R}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = -6$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -5 - (-6) & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 - (-6) & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

$$k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$-k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{1 equation, 2 unknowns}$$

Let  $k_1$  be FV with  $k_1 = 1$

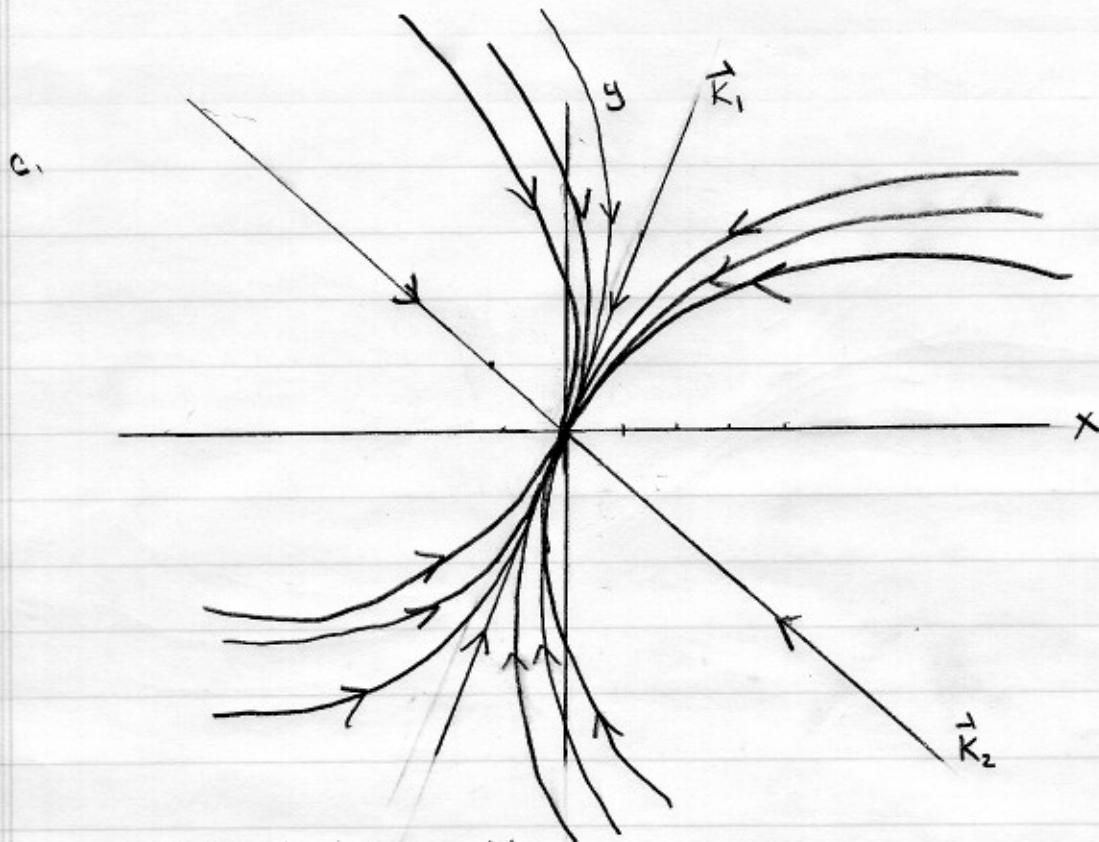
$$\text{Then } \vec{R}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ -k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-6t}$$

Then the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2$

$$= c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-6t}$$

- b.  $\lambda_1 = -1 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nodal sink, asymptotically stable.} \\ \lambda_2 = -6 \end{array} \right.$



$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-6t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t} \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{(-6-(-1))t} \right)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-t} = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-5t} \right) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$= \vec{0}$  along  $\vec{K}_1$

For  $\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x}$ , stability depends on the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

1. If any eigenvalue has a positive real part, then the critical point (zero/trivial solution) is unstable.

2. If all the eigenvalues with zero real parts are simple (multiplicity one) and all other eigenvalues have negative real parts, then the critical point is stable (on  $[0, \infty)$  if the latter are also present).

3 If all eigenvalues have negative real parts, then the critical point is asymptotically stable.

2.

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (5-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 9 \\ &= 25 - 5\lambda - 5\lambda + \lambda^2 - 9 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 16 \\ &= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 8.$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 5-2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5-2 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$-k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_1 = 1 \text{ FV.}$$

$$\vec{k}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ -k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 8$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 5-8 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 5-8 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

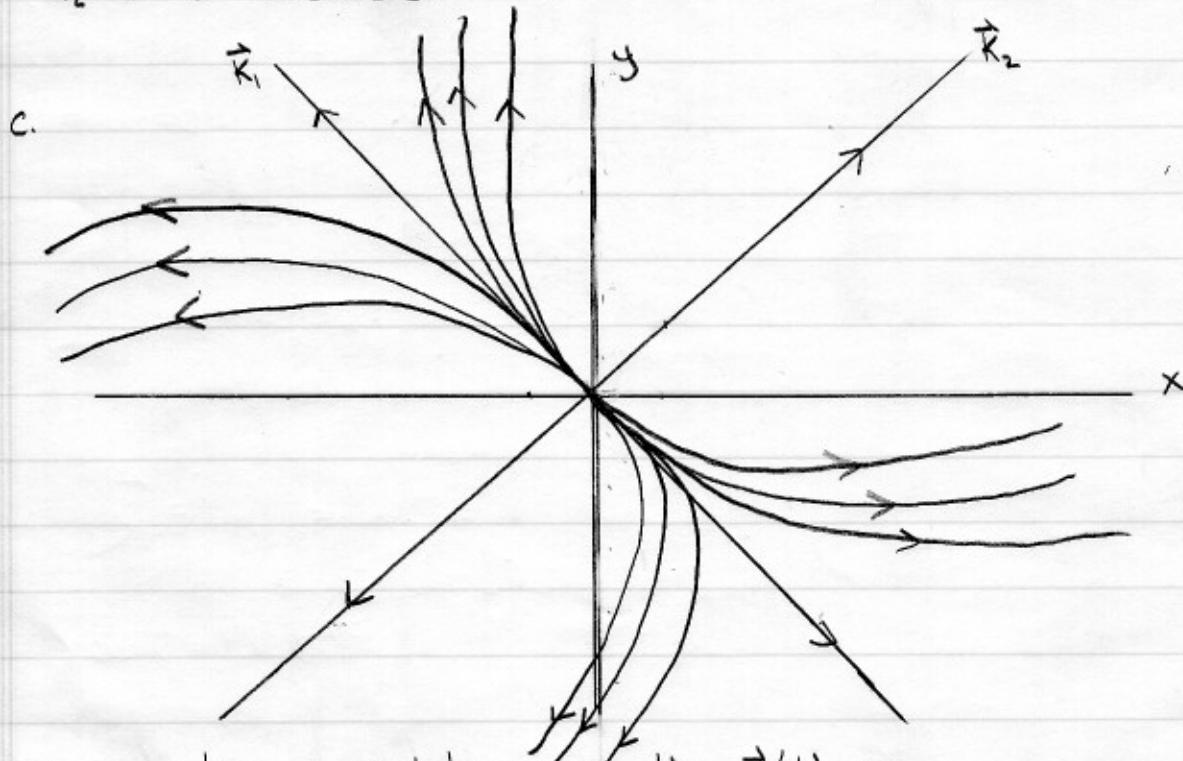
$$k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_1 = 1 \quad \text{FV}$$

$$\vec{R}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{8t}$$

Then the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{8t}$

b.  $\lambda_1 = 2$  { Nodal source  
 $\lambda_2 = 8$  { Unstable.



Since we have a nodal source,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t) = \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Or equivalently, } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{8t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{2t} \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{(8-2)t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{2t} = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{6t} \right) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{0}$  along  $\vec{R}_1$

$$3. \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 4 \\ &= -2 - \lambda + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 \\ &= (\lambda+3)(\lambda-2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = 2$$

For  $\lambda_1 = -3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - (-3) & 1 \\ 4 & -2 - (-3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$-4k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_1 = 1 \text{ FV}$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{R}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ -4k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -2-2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_1 = 1 \text{ FV}$$

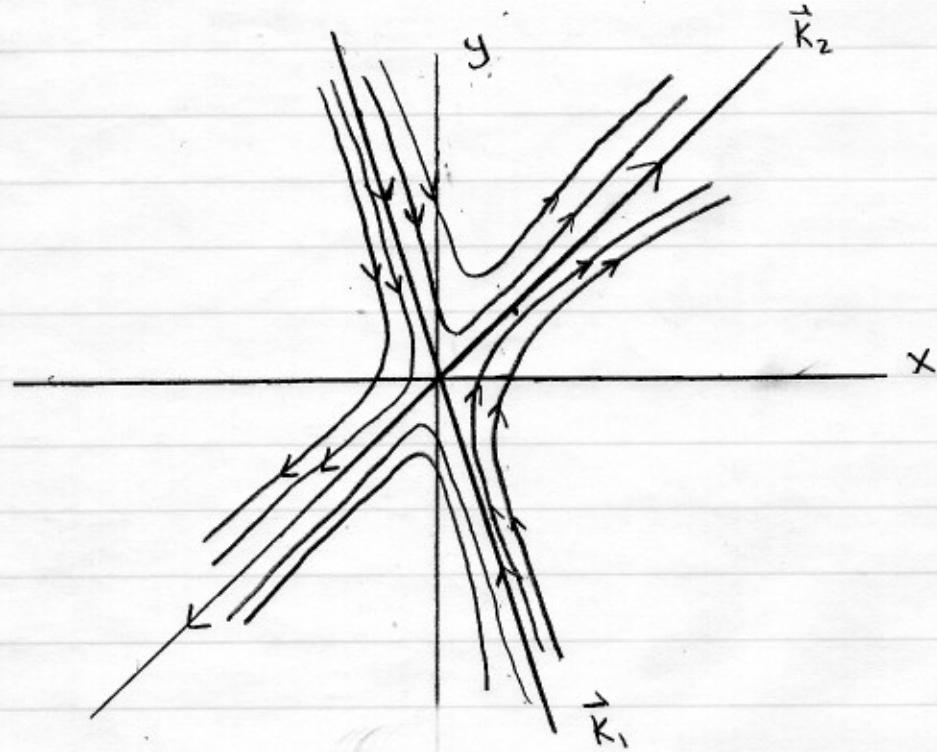
$$\vec{k}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{zt}$$

Then the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{zt}$

b.  $\lambda_1 = -3$  { Saddle point  
 $\lambda_2 = 2$  { Unstable.

c.



### Complex Eigenvalues

$$4. \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a. 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -5 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) + 5 \\ &= -4 - 2\lambda + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 + 5 \\ &= \lambda^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

Recall that if  $\lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda}_1$ , then  $\vec{k}_2 = \bar{\vec{k}}_1$ . Therefore we need only one eigenpair to get a general solution.

$$\text{Let } \lambda = i.$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2-i & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & -2-i & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Note } 5 = (2+i)(2-i)$$

$$k_1 - (2+i)k_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = (2+i)k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_2 = 1. \text{ FV}$$

$$\vec{k} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2+i)k_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{z}(t) = \vec{k} e^{it}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{it}$$

$$= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) (\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) \quad \text{by Euler's formula}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos(t) + i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sin(t) + i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos(t) - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin(t)$$

Let  $\vec{x}_1 = \operatorname{Re} \vec{z}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos(t) - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin(t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos(t) - \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\vec{x}_2 = \operatorname{Im} \vec{z}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sin(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos(t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2\sin(t) + \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos(t) - \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2\sin(t) + \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$

\* we could have also chosen the other row

$$(2-i)\lambda_1 - 5\lambda_2 = 0 \text{ to get } \vec{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2-i \end{bmatrix}.$$

Repeating the same process as before, this will give us a general solution of the form

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5\cos(t) \\ 2\cos(t) + \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5\sin(t) \\ -\cos(t) + 2\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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b.  $\lambda = 0 \pm i$  Center

Since the real part equals 0, the critical point is stable

c. Note that we have a pair of parametric equations

$$x(t) = c_1(2\cos(t) - \sin(t)) + c_2(2\sin(t) + \cos(t))$$

$$y(t) = c_1\cos(t) + c_2\sin(t).$$

Recall from Calc II such equations will give us ellipses center at the origin. The only thing left to do is find the direction of rotation.

### Determining the direction of rotation

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

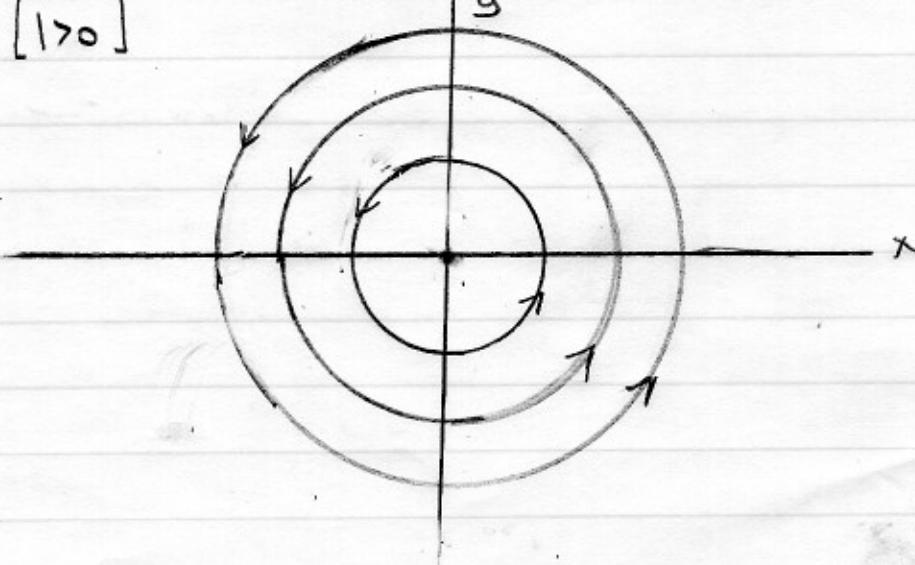
Then given  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  pick the point  $(1, 0)$ . To find the vector at this point, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $c > 0$  the vector points into the upper half-plane  
 $\Rightarrow$  rotation is counterclockwise.

If  $c < 0$  the vector points into the lower half-plane  
 $\Rightarrow$  rotation is clockwise.

Now  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 > 0 \end{bmatrix}$  counterclockwise



$$5. \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\text{a. } 0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -4 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1-\lambda)^2 + 4$$

$$= 1 + \lambda + \lambda^2 + 4$$

$$= \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-4(1)(5)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm 4i}{2} = -1 \pm 2i$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda = -1+2i$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 - (-1+2i) & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 - (-1+2i) & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -2i & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -2i & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$k_1 - 2ik_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = 2i k_2$$

$$\text{Let } k_2 = 1 \quad \text{FV}$$

$$\vec{k} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2i k_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{z} = \vec{k} e^{\lambda t}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1+2i)t}$$

$$= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{-t} (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t))$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \cos(2t) + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \sin(2t) + i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \sin(2t)$$

Let  $\vec{x}_1 = \operatorname{Re} \vec{z}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \cos(2t) - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \sin(2t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2\sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\vec{x}_2 = \operatorname{Im} \vec{z}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \sin(2t) + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \cos(2t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos(2t) \\ \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

Then the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2$

$$= c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2\sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2\cos(2t) \\ \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

b.  $\lambda = -1 \pm 2i$  Spiral sink

Asymptotically stable.

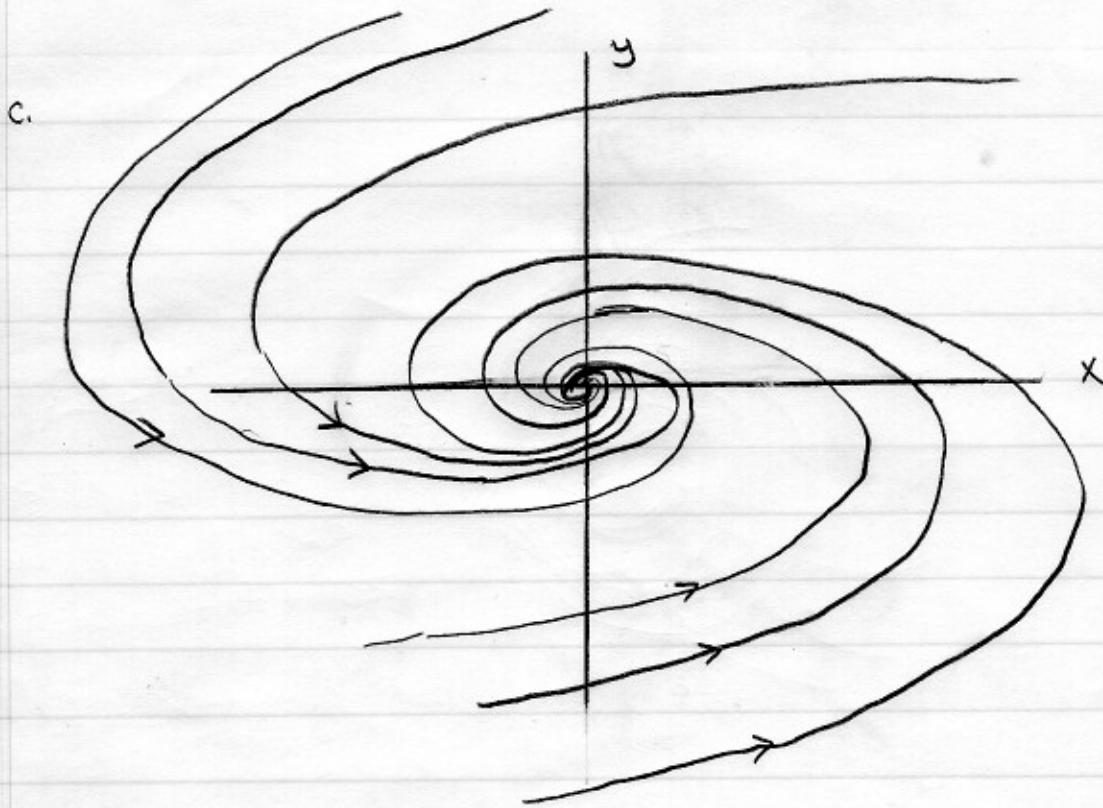
c. Note that we have the pair of parametric equations

$$x(t) = e^{-t}(-2c_1 \sin(2t) + 2c_2 \cos(2t))$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t}(c_1 \cos(2t) + c_2 \sin(2t))$$

Here we have ellipses multiplied by an exponential gives a spiralling effect.

Then  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 > 0 \end{bmatrix}$  counterclockwise.



$$6. \dot{\vec{x}}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a. 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 1 \\ -5 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 5 \\ &= -3 + \lambda - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 + 5 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2} = 1 \pm i$$

Let  $\lambda = 1+i$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1-(1+i) & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 3-(1+i) & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -(2+i) & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 2-i & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Note } S = (2+i)(2-i)$$

$$-(2+i)k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$(2+i)k_1 = k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_1 = 1 \quad \text{FV}$$

$$\vec{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ (2+i)k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2+i \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $\vec{z} = \vec{K} e^{\lambda t}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2+i \end{bmatrix} e^{(1+i)t}$$

$$= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^t (\cos(t) + i \sin(t))$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^t \cos(t) + i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^t \sin(t) + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \cos(t) - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \sin(t)$$

Let  $\vec{x}_1 = \operatorname{Re} \vec{z}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^t \cos(t) - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \sin(t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ 2\cos(t) - \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

Let  $\vec{x}_2 = \operatorname{Im} \vec{z}$

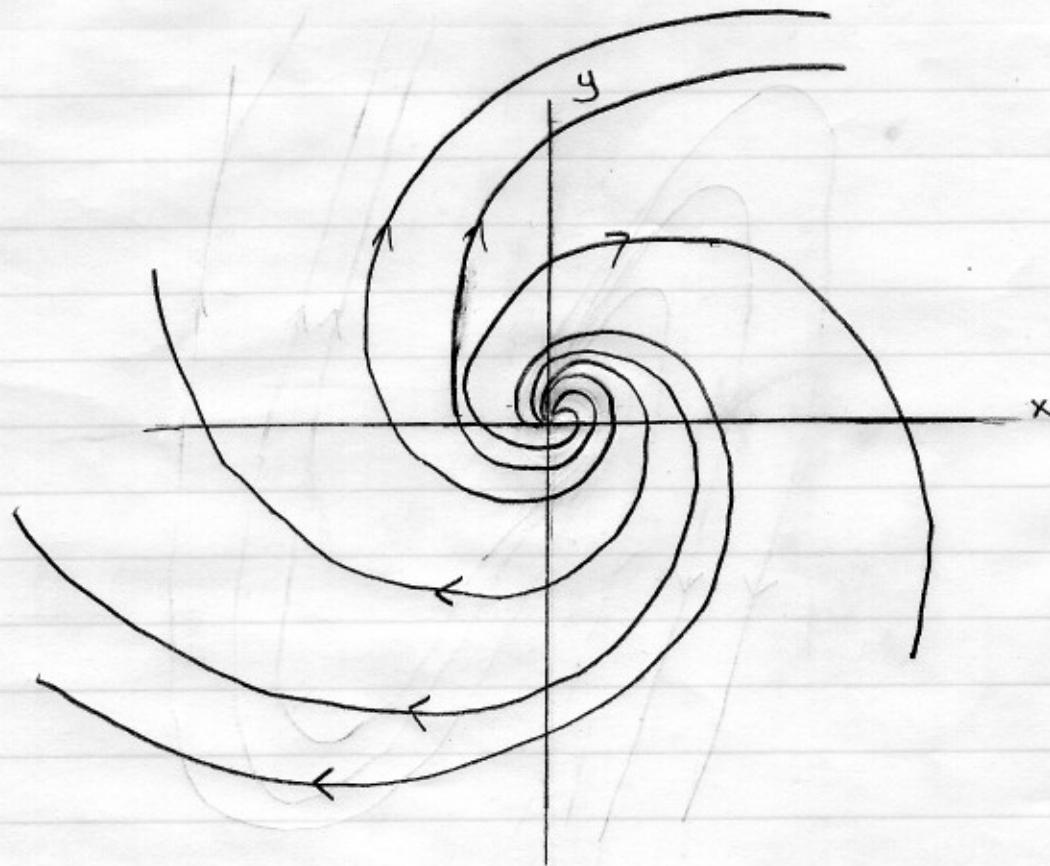
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^t \sin(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \cos(t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ 2\sin(t) + \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

b.  $\lambda = 1 \pm i$       Spiral Source  
Unstable.

c.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -5 < 0 \end{bmatrix}$  clockwise.

c.



### Repeated Eigenvalues

$$7. \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

a.  $0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$   
 $= (3-\lambda)^2$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3 = \lambda_2$

$\text{For } \lambda = 3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3-3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3-3 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

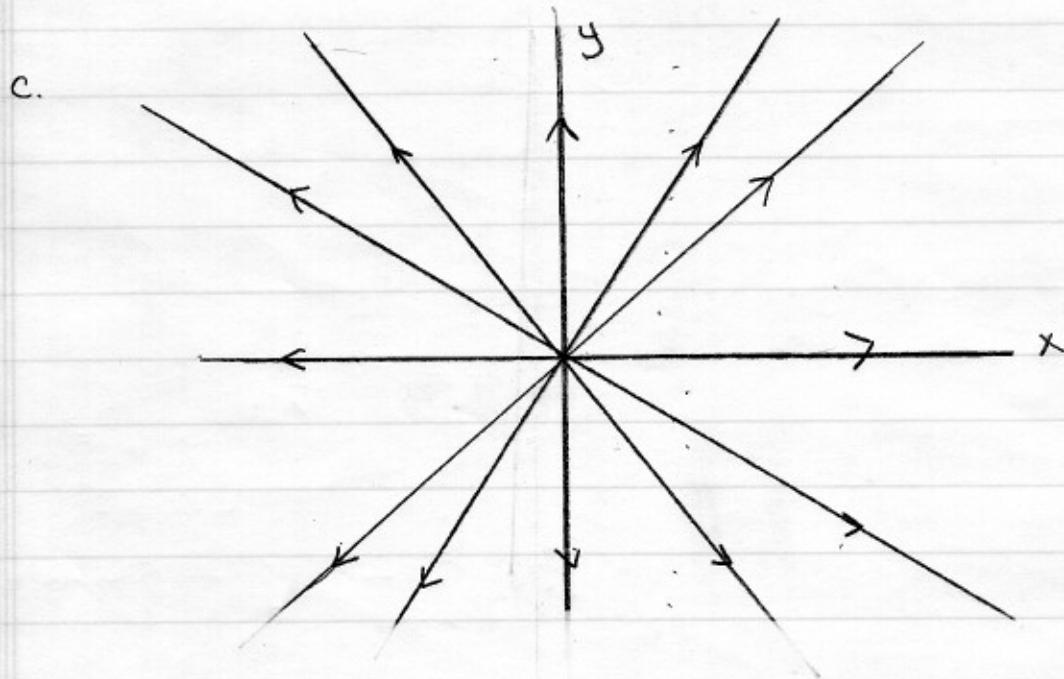
Let  $k_1 = s$  } free  
 $k_2 = t$  } variables

$$\text{Then } \vec{R} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{R}_1} + t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{R}_2}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} \quad \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$$

and the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$

b.  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3$  Proper (star) node (2 linearly independent eigenvectors)  
Unstable.



$$8. \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -4 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) + 4 \\ &= -3 - 3\lambda + \lambda + \lambda^2 + 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 \\ &= (\lambda - 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1 = \lambda_2$$

For  $\lambda=1$  we have  $(A-\lambda I)\vec{R}=\vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3-1 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -1-1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$k_1 - 2k_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = 2k_2 \quad \text{Let } k_2 = 1 \text{ FV}$$

$$\vec{R} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2k_2 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

Only 1 linearly independent eigenvector. However, we need a 2nd linearly independent solution, so let

$$\vec{x}_2 = \vec{R} t e^{kt} + \vec{P} e^{kt}$$

where  $\vec{P}$  is the generalized eigenvector that satisfies  $(A-\lambda I)\vec{P}=\vec{R}$ .

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} 3-1 & -4 & | & 2 \\ 1 & -1-1 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & | & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_1 - 2p_2 = 1$$

$$p_1 = 1 + 2p_2$$

$$\vec{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2p_2 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + p_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: the second term is just a scalar multiple of  $\vec{R}$ , so when we write out the general solution,

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + p_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^t,$$

part of our second solution will be absorbed into the first. Then  $\vec{x}(t) = c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^t$

Let  $p_2 = 0$ , then  $\vec{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x}_2 = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^t$

So the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^t$

b.  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$  Improper (degenerate) node (only 1 linearly independent eigenvector).  
Unstable.

c. Our general solution is of the form

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}(t) &= c_1 \vec{R} e^t + c_2 \vec{R} t e^t + c_2 \vec{P} e^t \\ &= t e^t \left( \frac{c_1 \vec{R}}{t} + c_2 \vec{R} + \frac{c_2 \vec{P}}{t} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t e^t \left( \frac{c_1 \vec{R}}{t} + c_2 \vec{R} + \frac{c_2 \vec{P}}{t} \right)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t e^t = \infty$$

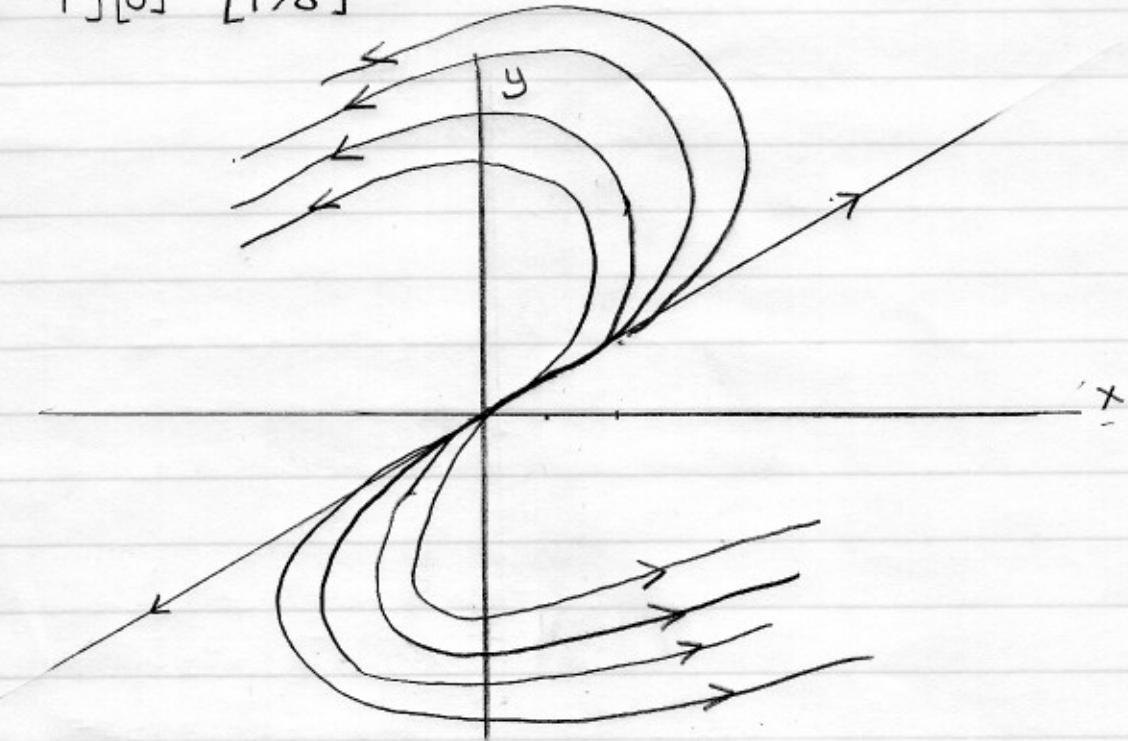
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{c_1 \vec{R}}{t} + c_2 \vec{R} + \frac{c_2 \vec{P}}{t} \right) = c_2 \vec{R}$$

$$= \infty$$

So the trajectories move away from the origin along  $\vec{R}$  in opposite directions.

To determine direction, we use the same trick as in the complex eigenvalues case.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 170 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{counterclockwise.}$$



9.  $\dot{\vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} a. 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -6-\lambda & 5 \\ -5 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-6-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 25 \\ &= -24 + 6\lambda - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 + 25 \\ &= \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 \\ &= (\lambda+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$$

Next we need to find a vector  $\vec{R}$  such that  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{R} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 - (-1) & 5 & | 0 \\ -5 & 4 - (-1) & | 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 & | 0 \\ -5 & 5 & | 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = k_2$$

Let  $k_1 = 1$  FV

$$\text{Then } \vec{R} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

Now we need to find a vector  $\vec{P}$  such that  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{P} = \vec{R}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 - (-1) & 5 & | 1 \\ -5 & 4 - (-1) & | 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 & | 1 \\ -5 & 5 & | 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-5p_1 + 5p_2 = 1$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{5} + p_1$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \frac{1}{5} + p_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} + p_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } p_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-t} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

and the general solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{-t}$

b.  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$  Improper (degenerate) node (only 1 linearly independent eigenvector)  
Asymptotically stable.

$$\begin{aligned} c. \vec{x}(t) &= c_1 \vec{K} e^{-t} + c_2 (\vec{R} t e^{-t} + \vec{P} e^{-t}) \\ &= t e^{-t} \left( \frac{c_1 \vec{K}}{t} + c_2 \vec{R} + \frac{c_2 \vec{P}}{t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t e^{-t} \left( \frac{c_1 \vec{K}}{t} + c_2 \vec{R} + \frac{c_2 \vec{P}}{t} \right)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \boxed{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t e^{-t} = 0}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{c_1 \vec{K}}{t} + c_2 \vec{R} + \frac{c_2 \vec{P}}{t} \right) = c_2 \vec{R}$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

Now the trajectories of  $\vec{x}(t)$  approach  $\vec{0}$  along  $\vec{R}$  from opposite directions

To determine direction, we take  $\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -5 < 0 \end{bmatrix}$  clockwise

