

## 7.4 Solution Curves of Linear Systems (part 1)

the system  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$  has eigenvalues/eigenvectors

$$\lambda = -3, 11$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Solution: } \vec{x} = c_1 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{11t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{11t}$$

$$x_2 = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{11t}$$

if we plot  $x_1$  vs  $x_2 \rightarrow$  relationship between them

$\rightarrow$  phase portrait

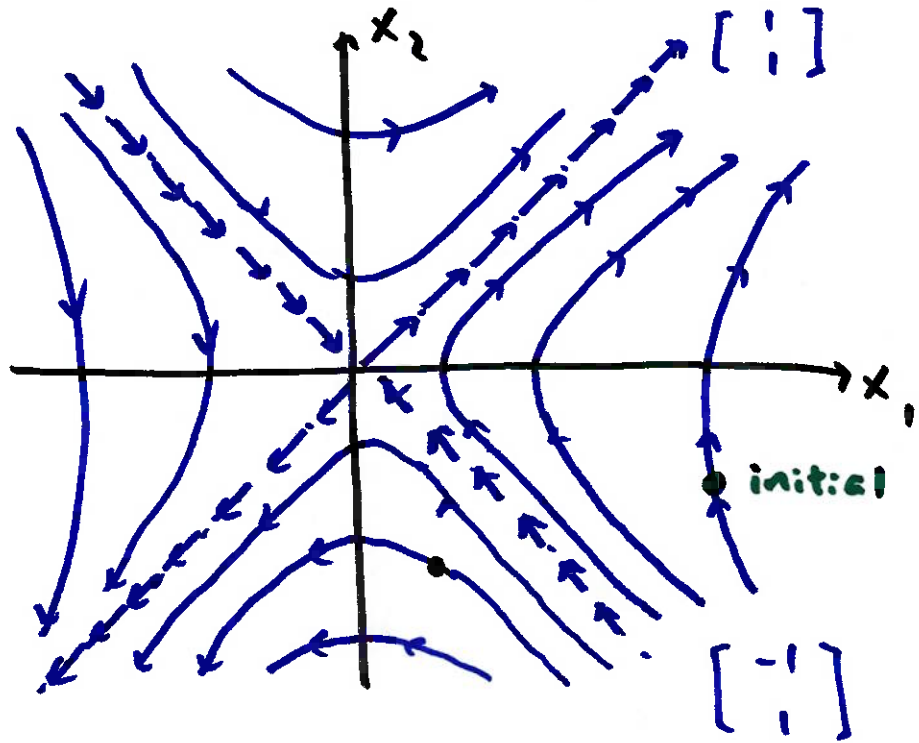
provides qualitative understanding  
of solutions regardless of initial conditions

$$\vec{x} = \underbrace{c_1 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{dominates when } t \rightarrow -\infty} + \underbrace{c_2 e^{11t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{dominate if } t \text{ is large } (t \rightarrow \infty)} \quad \text{--- } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

dominates  
when  $t \rightarrow -\infty$

dominate if  $t$  is large  
( $t \rightarrow \infty$ )

So, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , all solutions approach the eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ , all " " " " " " " "  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  } behave like asymptotes

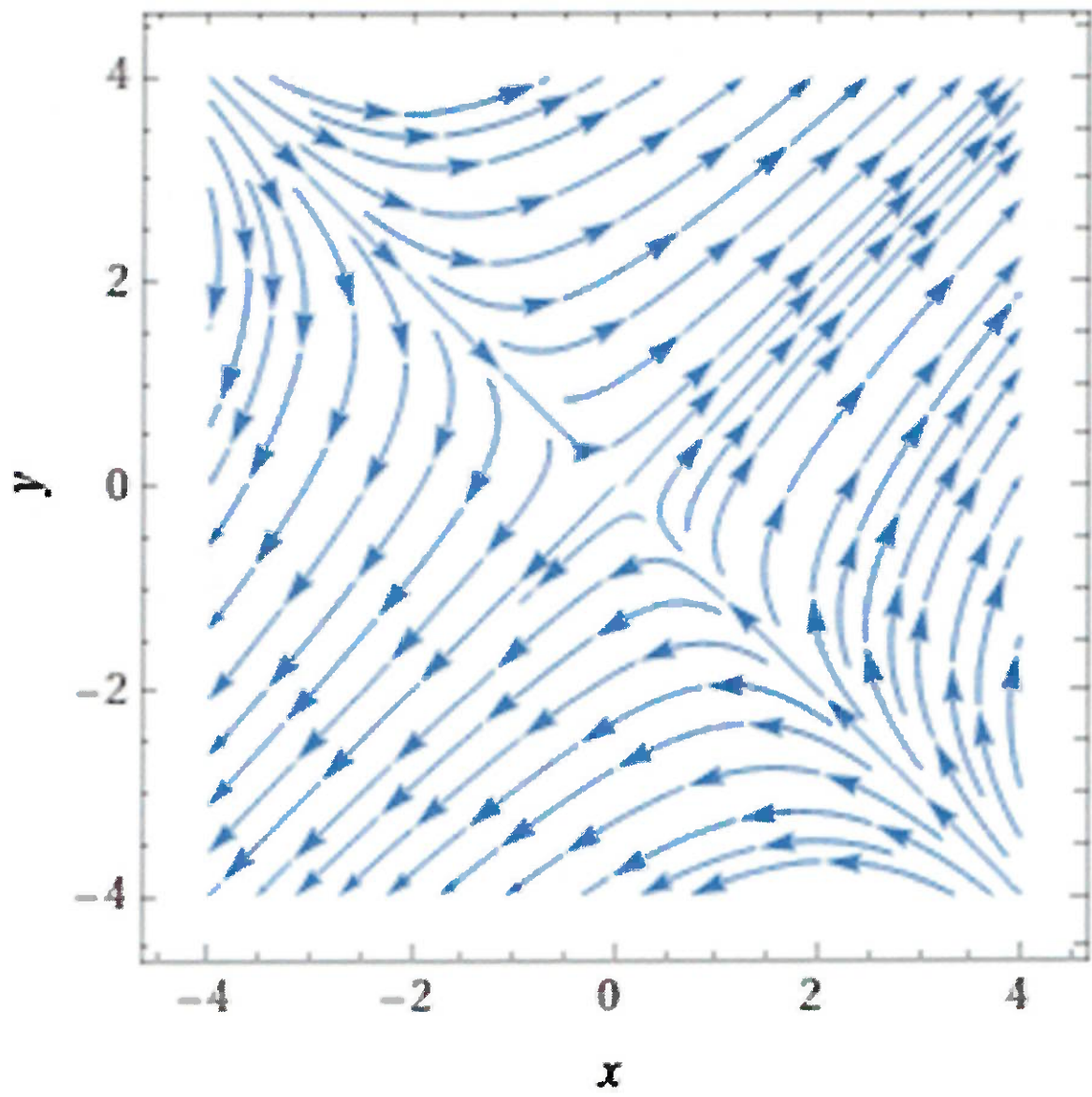


if we start along  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $c_1 = 0$ )  
 $x_1 \rightarrow \infty, x_2 \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\rightarrow$  away from origin  $\lambda > 0$   
 in  $\mathbb{Q}^3$ , go to  $-\infty$   
 along  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $e^{-\lambda t} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\rightarrow$  so solutions approach origin  $\lambda < 0$

other curves follow the asymptotes

in this case, the origin is a saddle point  $\rightarrow$  some approach some go away from origin

$\lambda$ 's are real and of opposite signs

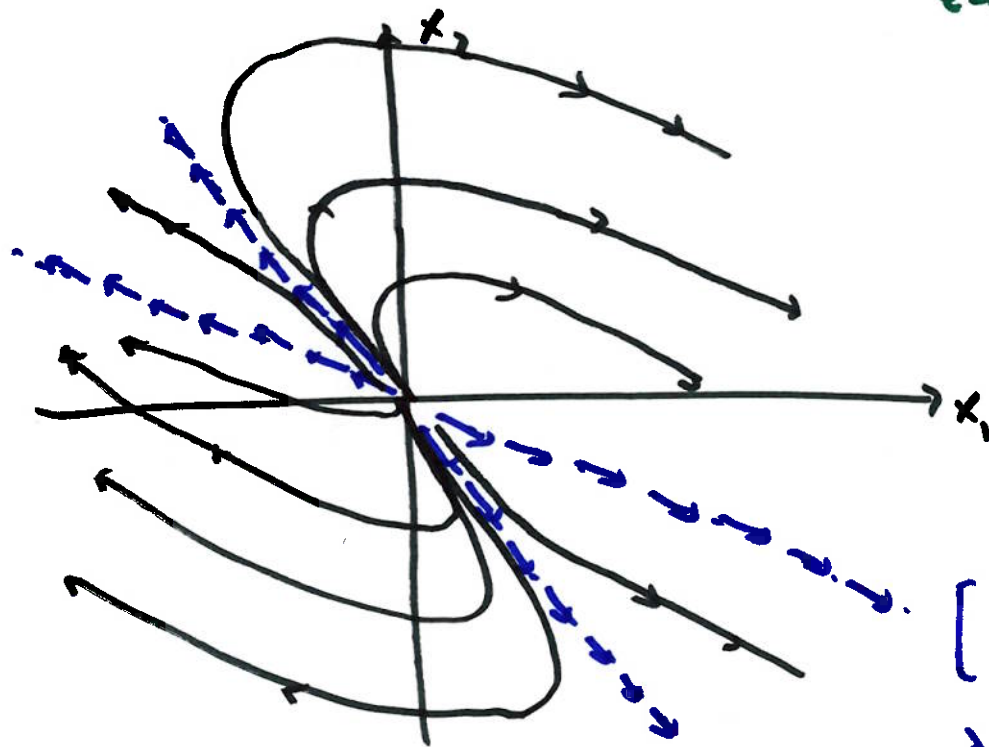


example  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$\lambda = 3, 1$

$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x} = c_1 \underbrace{e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{dominant} \\ t \rightarrow \infty}} + c_2 \underbrace{e^t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{dominates} \\ \text{before } t \rightarrow \infty}}$



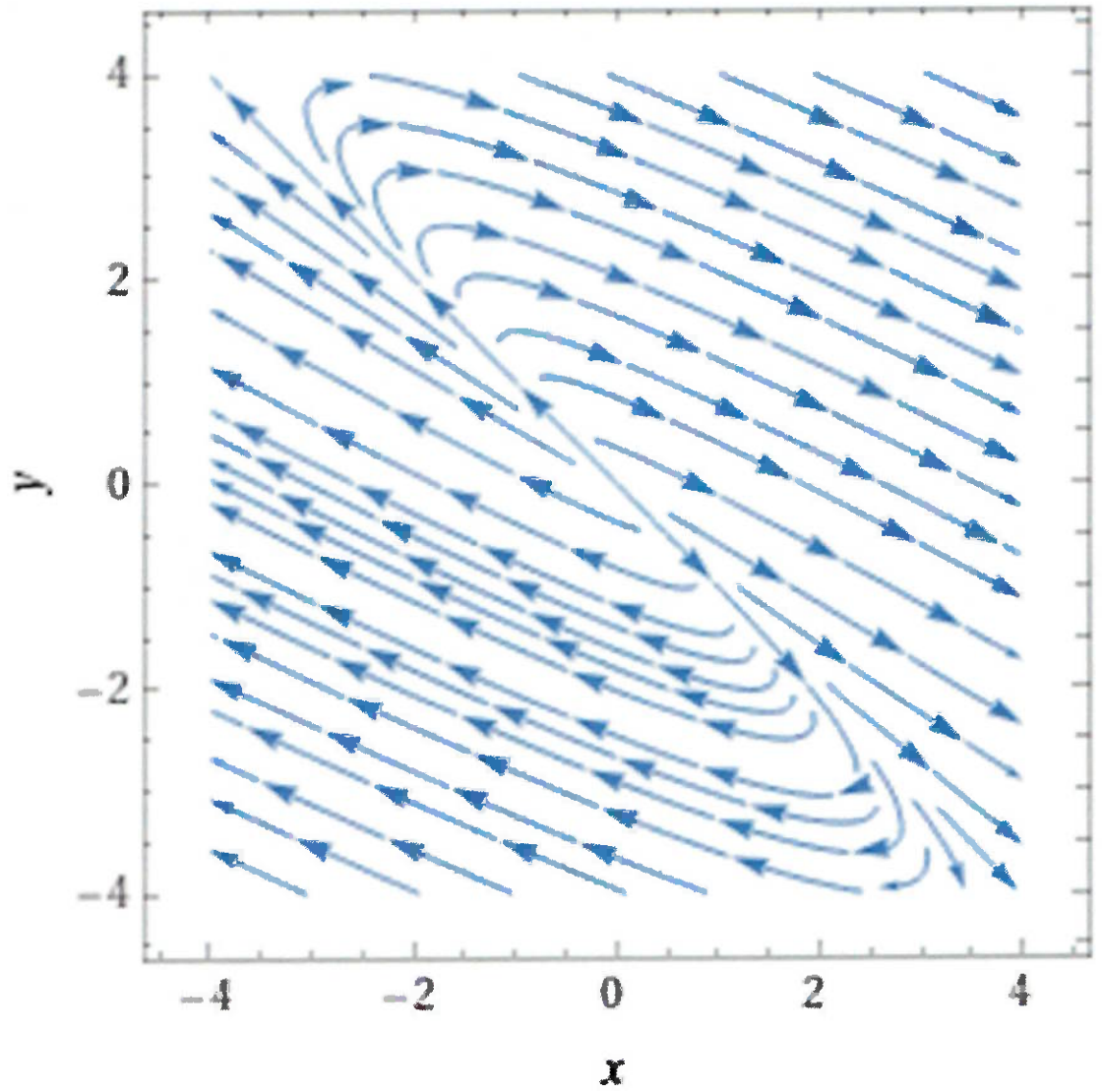
$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\lambda = 1 > 0$   
 away from origin

$\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\lambda = 3 > 0$   
 away from origin

initially follows  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  
 as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , follows  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

the origin is called  
 is source because  
 all solutions go away  
 from it  
 it is also an improper  
node (things follow  
 an asymptote near  
 origin)  
 origin here: improper  
nodal source

$\hookrightarrow$   $\lambda$ 's distinct  
 both positive



if both  $\lambda$ 's are negative and distinct, same general picture w/ arrows reversed. Origin is an improper nodal sink.

example

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\lambda = -1, -1$$

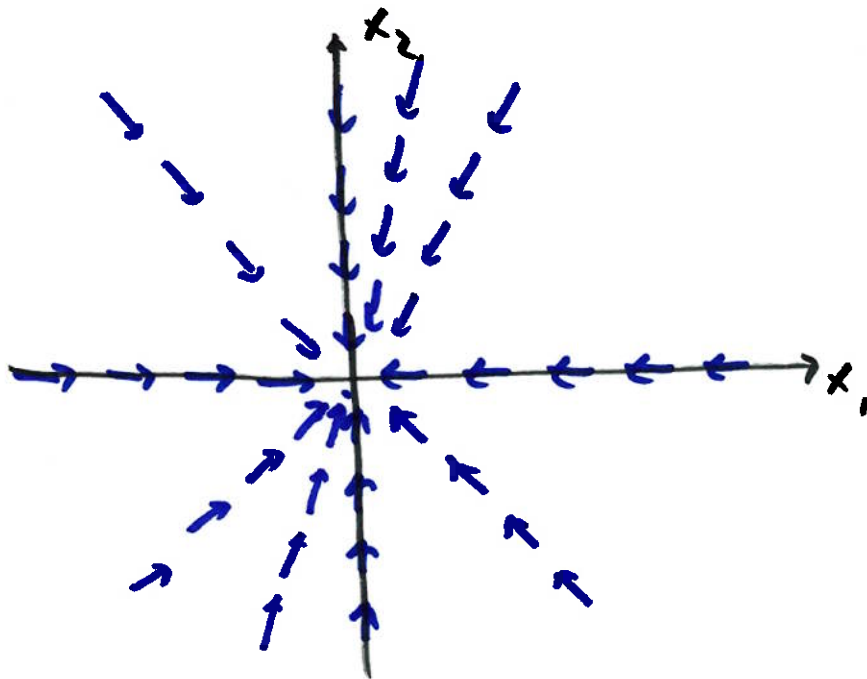
$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = c_1 e^{-t} \quad x_2 = c_2 e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{x_2}{x_1} = \frac{c_2}{c_1} = m \rightarrow x_2 = m x_1$$

lines through origin, slope  $m$



proper nodal sink



proper because all solutions follow their own curves toward or away from origin and NOT along an asymptote

proper:  $\lambda$ 's are repeated AND w/ enough eigenvectors



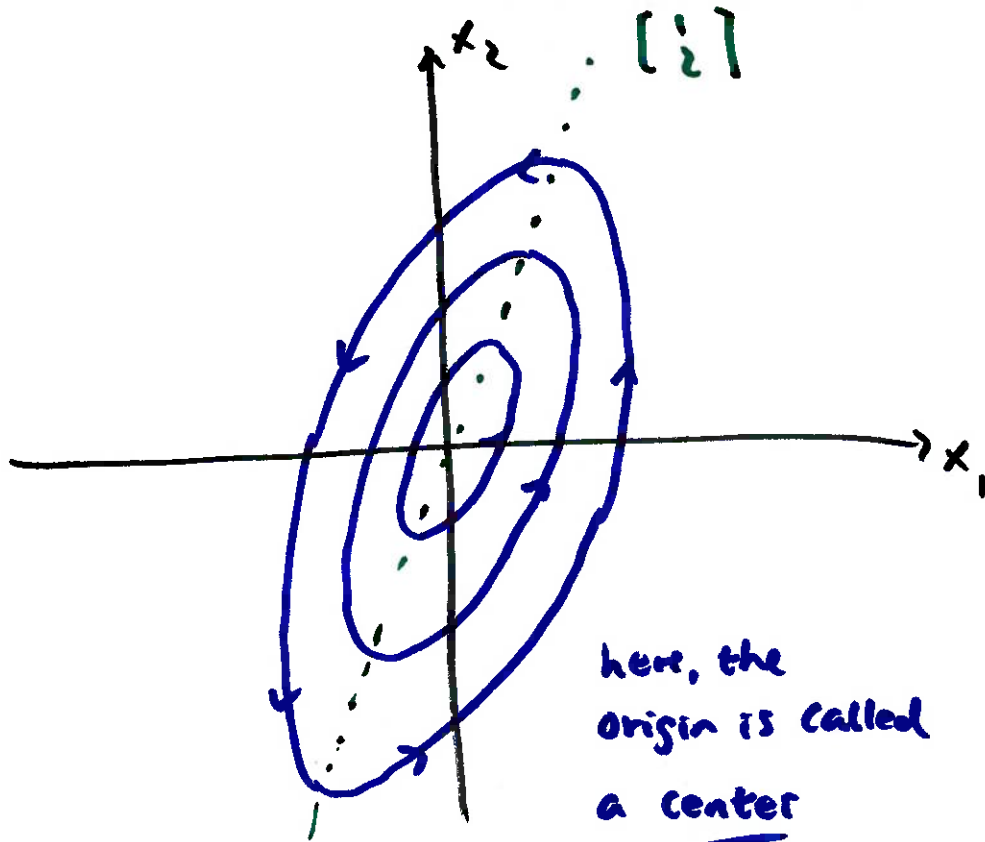
example

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

$$\lambda = i, -i$$

$$\vec{v} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \vec{x} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} \sin t + \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t - \sin t \end{bmatrix}$$

both  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are periodic  $\rightarrow$   $x_2$  vs  $x_1$  solutions are ovals (ellipses)



real part of either eigenvector  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$  major axis of ellipse

direction?

pick a convenient location,  
look at direction from

$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$$

here, pick  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

right and  
up  
CCW

example

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

$$\lambda = 1-i, 1+i$$

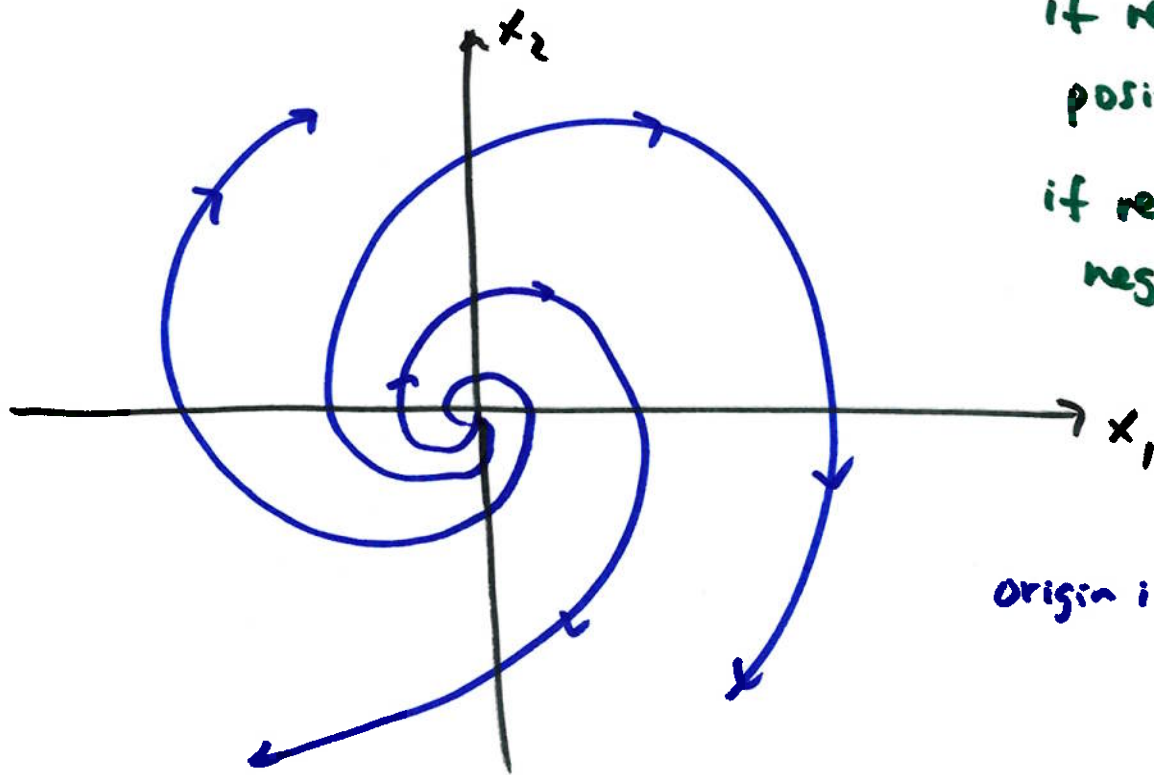
$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda = 1-i, 1+i \\ \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\} \vec{x} = C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

use the real part of  $\vec{v}$  to orient orals

the presence of  $e^t$  means the orals grows as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

so orals  $\rightarrow$  spirals



if real part of  $\lambda$  is positive  $\rightarrow$  spiral out

if real part of  $\lambda$  is negative  $\rightarrow$  spiral in

origin is a spiral source (because real part of  $\lambda > 0$ )  
(spiral sink if real part of  $\lambda$  is negative)