

7.4 Solution Curves of Linear Systems

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \quad \lambda = 1, -1$$
$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

solution: $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$

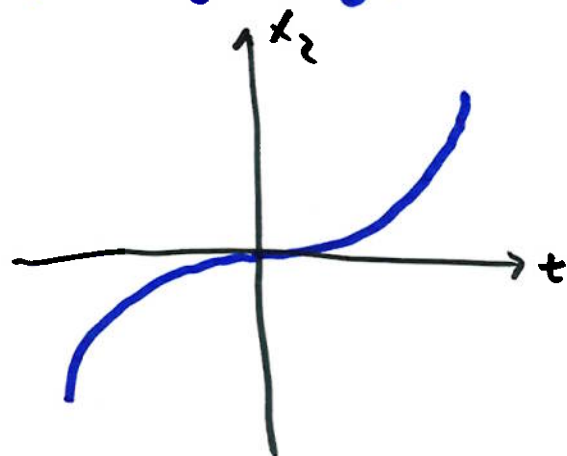
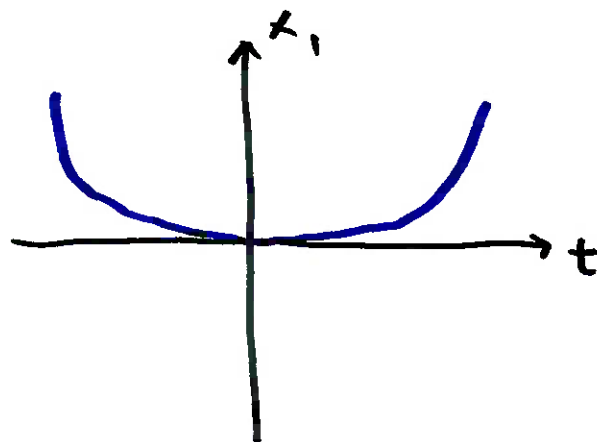
$$x_1(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$$

$$x_2(t) = c_1 e^t - c_2 e^{-t}$$

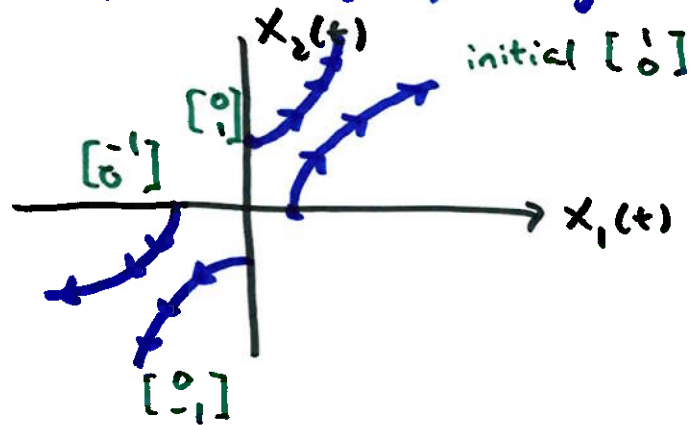
if $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$x_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^t + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$

$$x_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^t - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$



if we graph $x_1(t)$ vs $x_2(t)$, we get a phase curve



we need to do this for each initial condition $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$

there is a more efficient way to complete the phase portrait

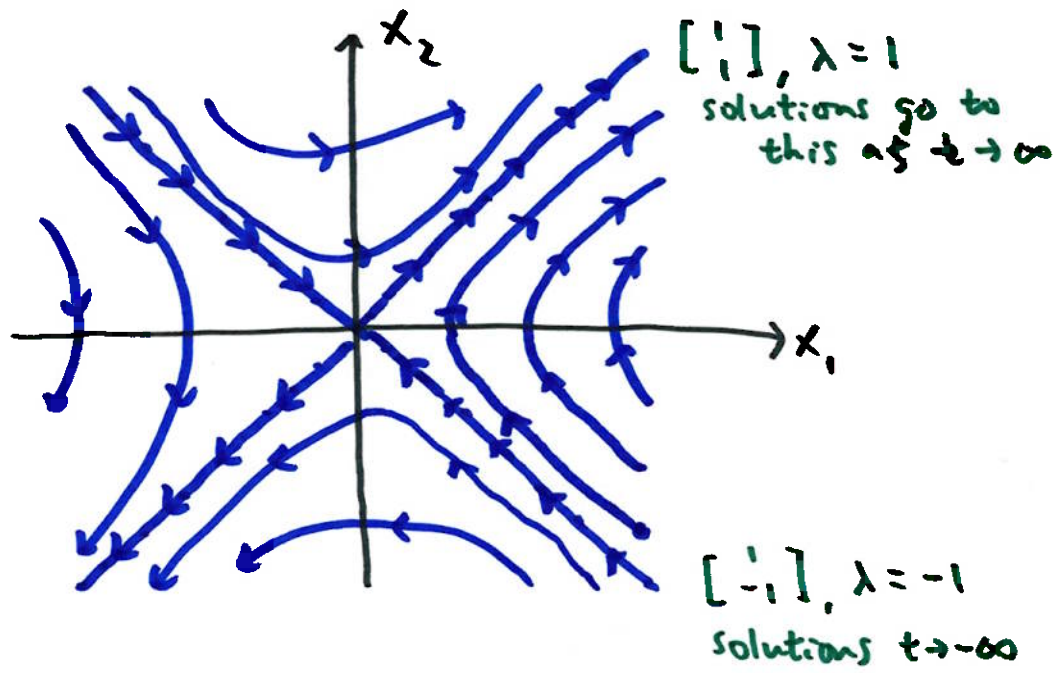
revisit $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ $\lambda = 1, -1$
 $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{-t} \rightarrow 0$, so $\vec{x}(t) \approx c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $x_1 \approx x_2$

as $t \rightarrow -\infty$, $e^t \rightarrow 0$, so $\vec{x}(t) \approx c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow x_1 \approx -x_2$

the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (eigenvectors) are important
 all nearby solution curves want to follow $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$



if initial condition is on $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, for example

$$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dots \rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \end{bmatrix}$$

both $x_1, x_2 \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

for init. cond on

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{+t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

all solutions on w/ init. cond. NOT on the lines
use them as asymptotes

the eigenvalues for straight line solutions

if $\lambda > 0 \rightarrow$ flow away from origin

if $\lambda < 0 \rightarrow$ flow toward origin

nearby solutions use them as asymptotes

here, the origin is a saddle point (solutions sometimes approach and sometimes go away from origin) $\rightarrow$

Eigenvalues have
opposite signs

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

$$\lambda = 3, 1$$

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

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

notice the origin $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
is at $t = -\infty$

as t increases from $t = -\infty$

$$e^{3t} \ll e^t$$

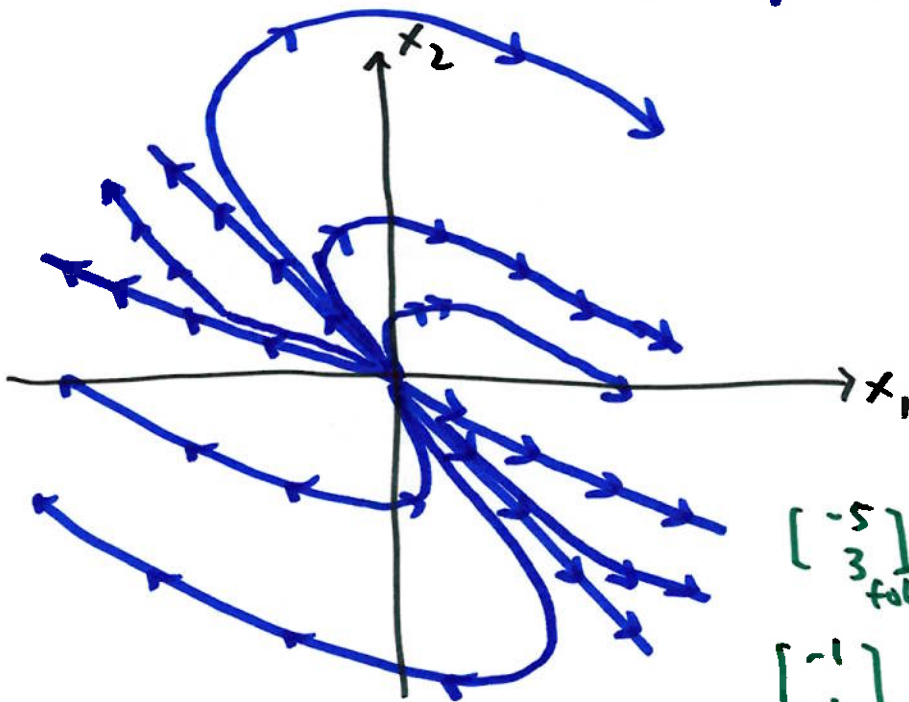
solutions follow $e^t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

then as t keeps increasing

$$e^{3t} \gg e^t$$

solutions follow

$$e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda > 0$$

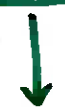
follow this later

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda > 0$$

follow this first

the origin here is called an improper nodal source

λ 's are distinct



solutions near origin
follow asymptote
and are ~~di~~ indistinguishable

→ solutions come out of origin

if both λ 's are negative, the origin is an improper nodal sink

λ 's are distinct

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solutions sink
into origin

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

$$\lambda = i, -i$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

to analyze shape, let's pick a convenient init. cond.: $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

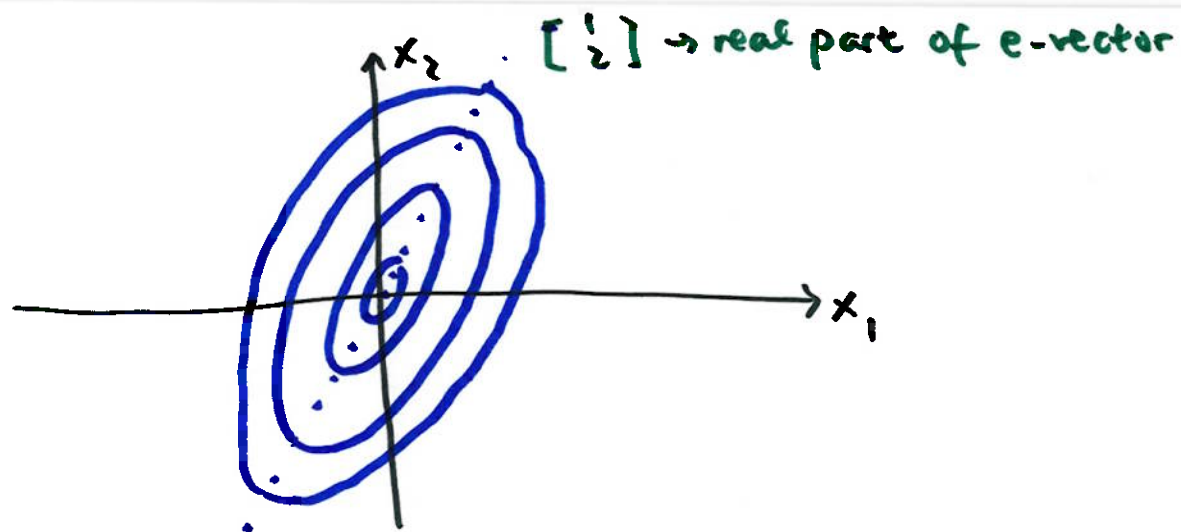
$$\dots \rightarrow c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0 \rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin t + \cos t \\ 2 \sin t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \sin t + \cos t \quad x_2 = 2 \sin t$$

$$\text{notice } \underbrace{\left(x_1 - \frac{x_2}{2}\right)^2}_{\cos t} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right)^2}_{\sin t} = 1 \rightarrow \text{ellipse w/ center at origin}$$

major axis (longer axis) is along $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$ real part of eigenvector

init. cond. affects ellipse size

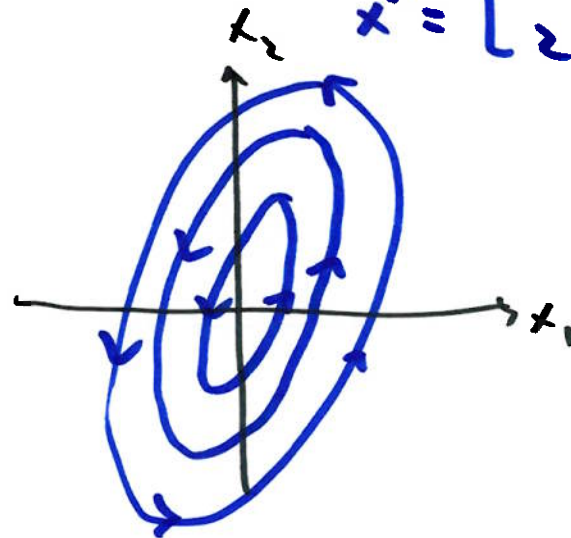


the solutions can go clockwise or CCW

to see direction: $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

pick a convenient $\vec{x}$: $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ one right,
two up
CCW



this is w/ purely imaginary
eigenvalues

origin is called a center

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

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

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

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

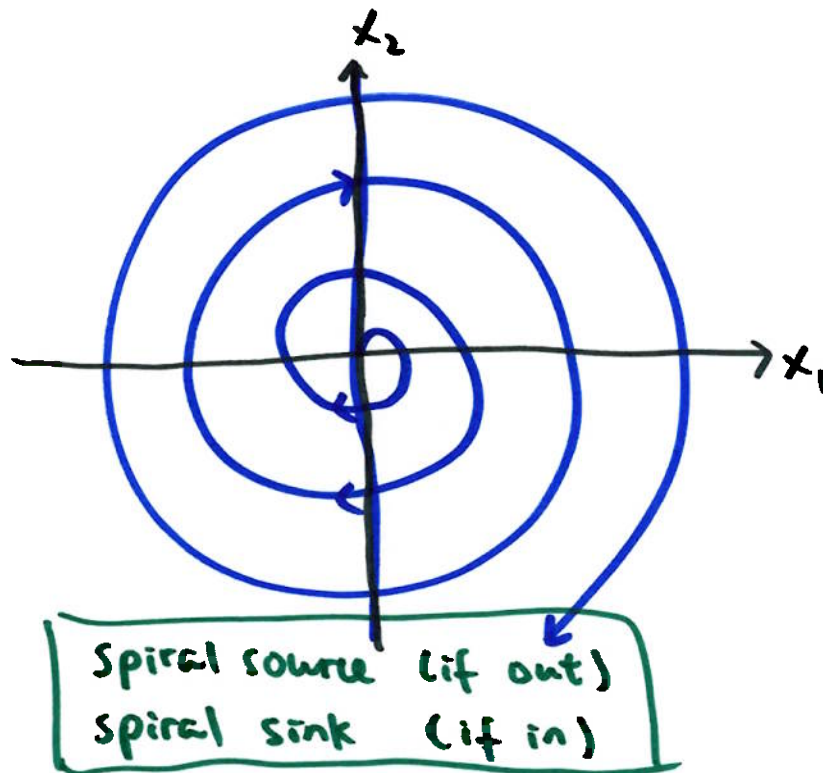
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 $\rightarrow c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$

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

$$x_1 = e^t \cos t$$

$$x_2 = -e^t \sin t$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = e^{2t} \rightarrow \text{circle w/ increasing radius} \rightarrow \text{spiral}$$



CW or CCW

pick $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ CW}$$

spiral out if $\Re$ real part of λ is positive
 spiral in if real part of λ is negative

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

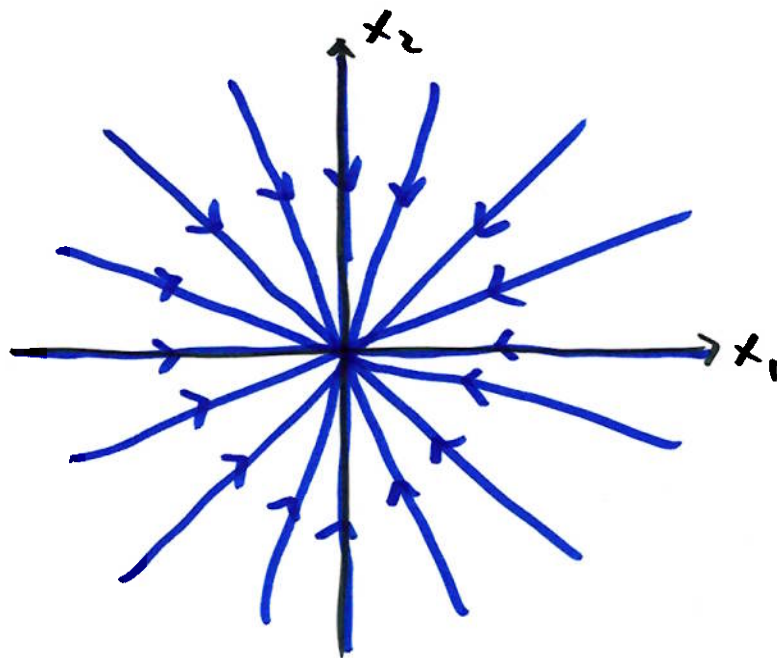
$$\lambda = -1, -1 \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \text{complete (enough e-vectors)}$$

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

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

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

lines w/ slope m
into origin if $\lambda < 0$
out of origin if $\lambda > 0$

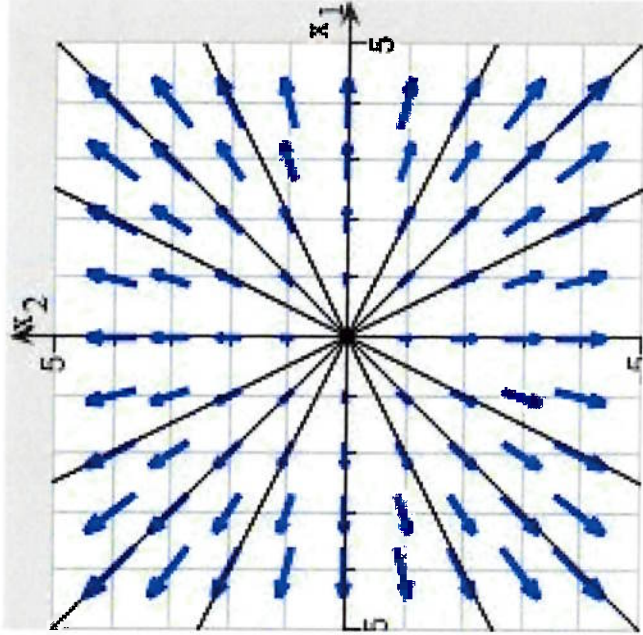


proper nodal sink

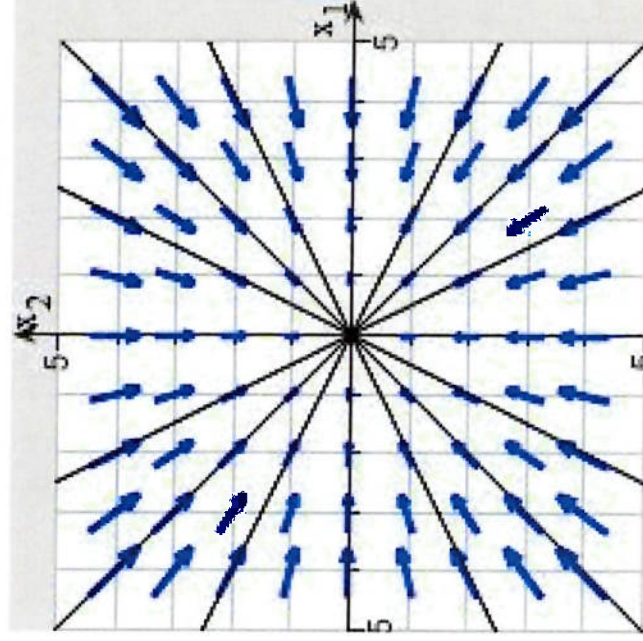
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distinguishable near origin
(no asymptote)

proper is rare
repeated eigenvalues
and enough eigenvectors

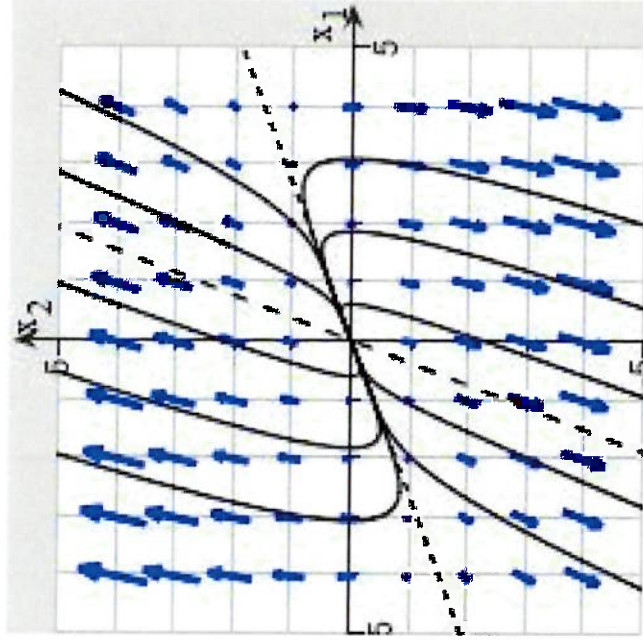
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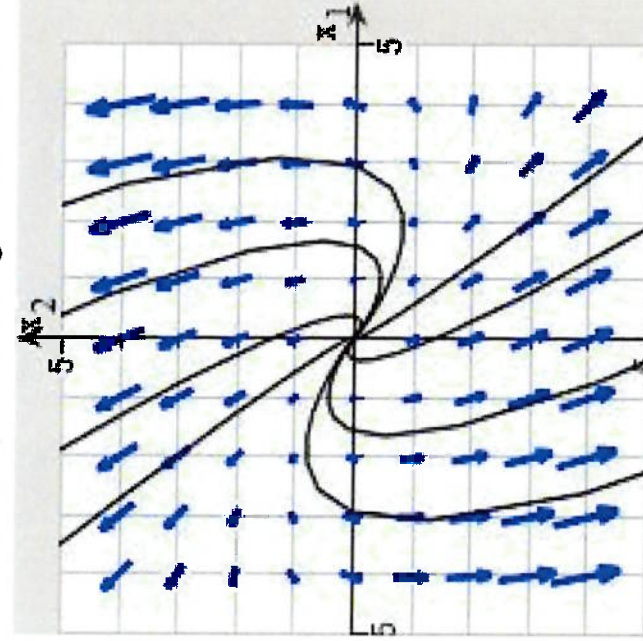
Proper Nodal Source: A repeated positive real eigenvalue with two linearly independent eigenvectors.



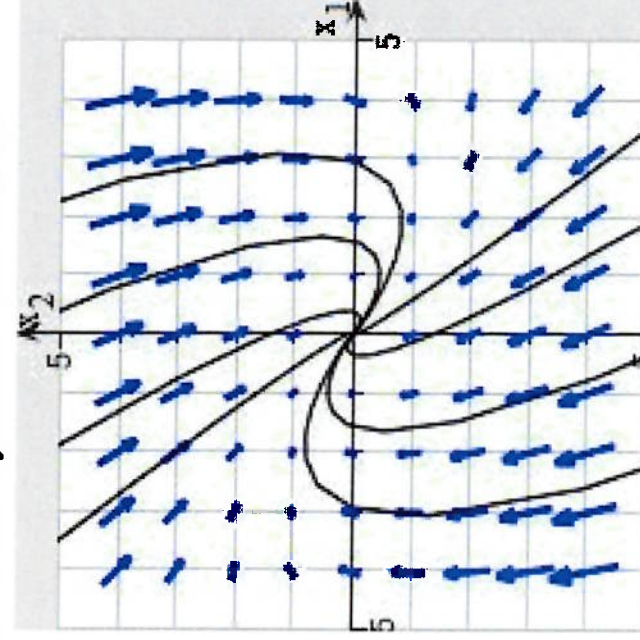
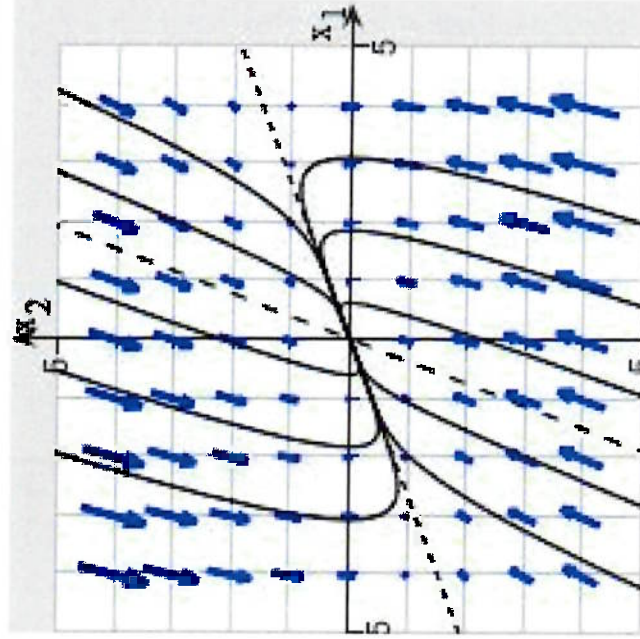
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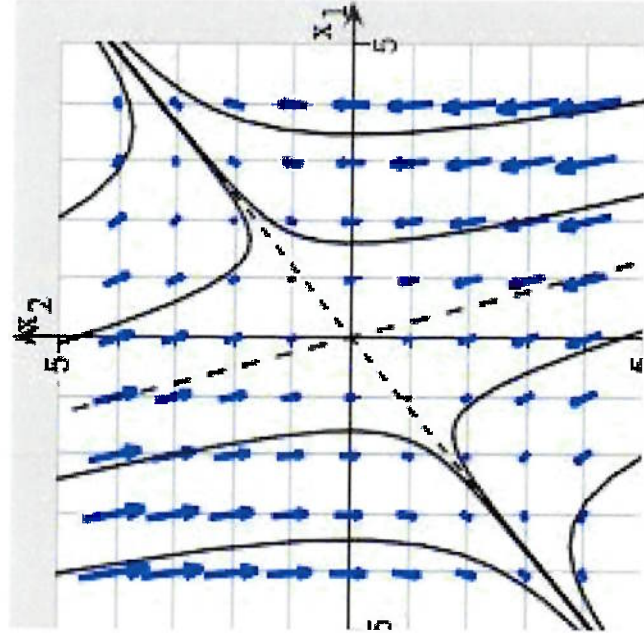
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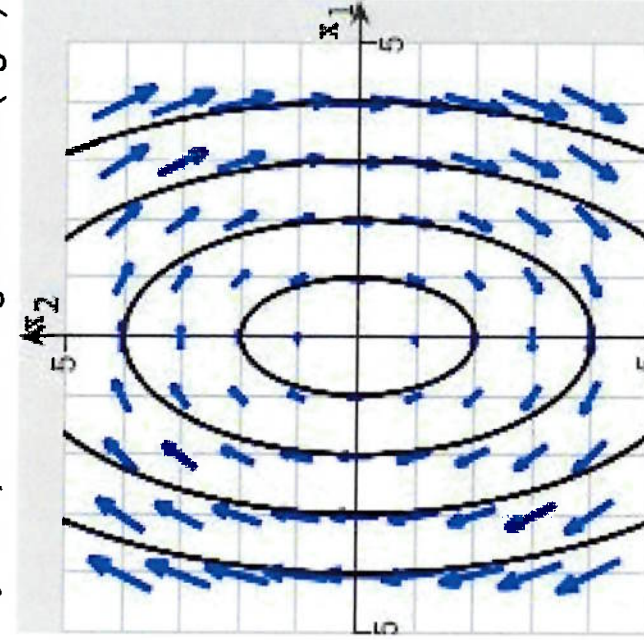
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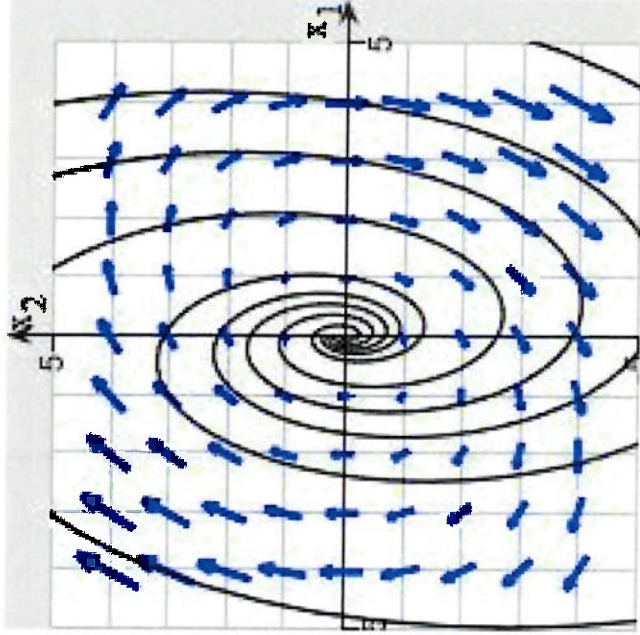


Saddle Point: Real eigenvalues of opposite sign.

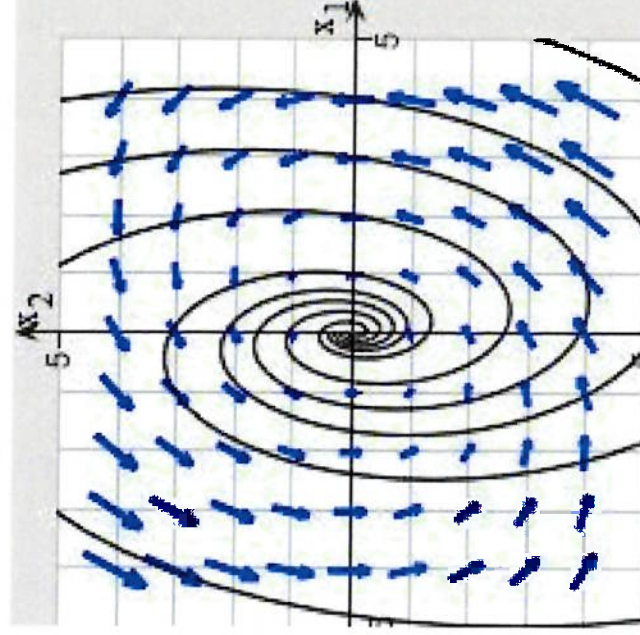


Center: Pure imaginary eigenvalues.

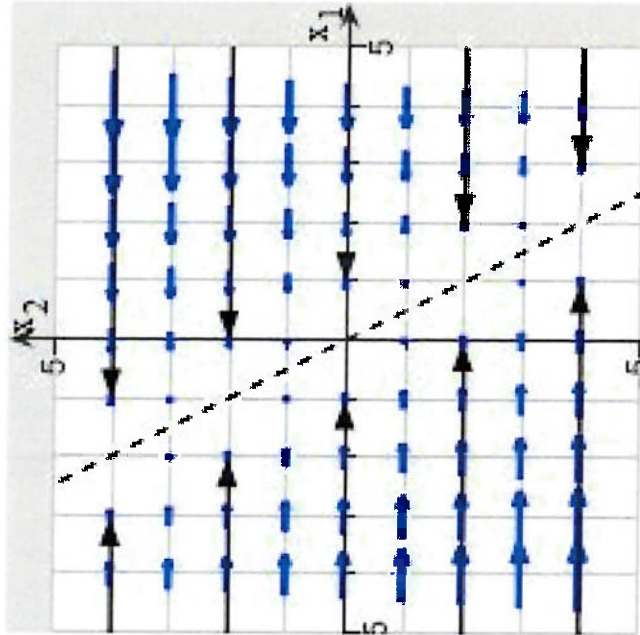
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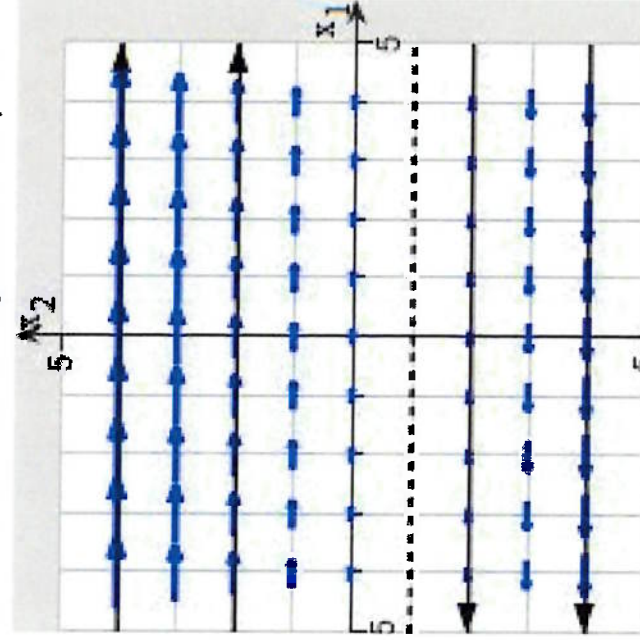
Spiral Source: Complex conjugate eigenvalues with positive real part.



Spiral Sink: Complex conjugate eigenvalues with negative real part.



Parallel Lines: One zero and one negative real eigenvalue. (If the nonzero eigenvalue is positive, then the trajectories flow away from the dotted line.)



Parallel Lines: A repeated zero eigenvalue without two linearly independent eigenvectors.