

# Second Order Linear Equations

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( $x = x(t)$ )

Characteristic polynomial:

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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(1)  $b^2 - 4ac > 0 \implies 2$  real roots

$$r_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, \quad r_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x(t) = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t}$$

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(2)  $b^2 - 4ac = 0 \implies 2 \text{ repeated real roots}$

$$r_1 = r_2 = \frac{-b}{2a} (= r)$$

$$x(t) = A e^{rt} + \underline{B t} e^{rt}$$

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(3)  $b^2 - 4ac < 0 \implies 2$  complex roots

$$r_1 = \alpha + i\beta, \quad r_2 = \alpha - i\beta, \quad \alpha = \frac{-b}{2a}, \quad \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4ac - b^2}}{2a}$$

$$x(t) = A e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + B e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t$$

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In all cases,

$$x(t) = A \varphi_1(t) + B \varphi_2(t)$$

2 linearly independent (homogeneous) solutions

$$a \ddot{\varphi}_i + b \dot{\varphi}_i + c \varphi_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2$$

# Inhomogeneous Version

$$a\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + cx = f(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = y_0$$

## "Variational of Parameters"

$$\text{Set } x(t) = \underbrace{u_1(t)}_{\text{?}} \varphi_1(t) + \underbrace{u_2(t)}_{\text{?}} \varphi_2(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a(\ddot{u}_1 \varphi_1 + 2\dot{u}_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 + \cancel{u_1 \ddot{\varphi}_1} + \ddot{u}_2 \varphi_2 + 2\dot{u}_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 + \cancel{u_2 \ddot{\varphi}_2}) \\ & + b(\cancel{u_1 \dot{\varphi}_1} + \underline{\dot{u}_1 \varphi_1} + \underline{\dot{u}_2 \varphi_2} + \cancel{u_2 \dot{\varphi}_2}) \\ & + c(\cancel{u_1 \varphi_1} + \cancel{u_2 \varphi_2}) \end{aligned} = f$$

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$$a\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + cx = f(t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = y_0$$

## "Variational of Parameters"

Set  $\dot{u}_1 \varphi_1 + \dot{u}_2 \varphi_2 = 0$   $\leftarrow$  Eqn (1)

(1)  $\Rightarrow \ddot{u}_1 \varphi_1 + \dot{u}_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 + \ddot{u}_2 \varphi_2 + \dot{u}_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  (\*) becomes

$$\dot{u}_1 \dot{\varphi}_1 + \dot{u}_2 \dot{\varphi}_2 = \frac{f}{a} \leftarrow \text{Eqn (2)}$$

# Inhomogeneous Version

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## "Variational of Parameters"

Egns ① & ②  $\Rightarrow$  solve for  $u_1, u_2$

$$u_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \varphi_2 \\ \frac{f}{a} & \dot{\varphi}_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \\ \dot{\varphi}_1 & \dot{\varphi}_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-\frac{f}{a} \varphi_2}{\varphi_1 \dot{\varphi}_2 - \dot{\varphi}_1 \varphi_2}$$

$$(u_1 = \int u_1 dt + A)$$

$W(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  Wronskian



# Inhomogeneous Version

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## "Variational of Parameters"

Egns ① & ②  $\Rightarrow$

$$u_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & 0 \\ \dot{\varphi}_1 & \frac{f}{a} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \\ \dot{\varphi}_1 & \dot{\varphi}_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{f}{a} \varphi_1}{\varphi_1 \dot{\varphi}_2 - \dot{\varphi}_1 \varphi_2}$$

$$(u_2 = \int \dot{u}_2 dt + B)$$

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## "Variational of Parameters"

Egns ① & ②  $\Rightarrow$

$$x(t) = u_1(t) \varphi_1(t) + u_2(t) \varphi_2(t)$$

$$= \left( \int \frac{-\frac{f}{a} \varphi_2}{W(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)} dt + A \right) \varphi_1(t) + \left( \int \frac{\frac{f}{a} \varphi_1}{W(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)} dt + B \right) \varphi_2(t)$$

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# Euler Equation

$$a t^2 \ddot{x}(t) + b t \dot{x}(t) + c x(t) = 0$$

$t > 0$

$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\dot{x}(t_0) = y_0$$

$(t_0 > 0)$

"Characteristic Polynomial"

Let  $x(t) = t^r$  ( $r = ?$ )

$$a \underline{t}^2 r(r-1) \underline{t}^{r-2} + b \underline{t} r \underline{t}^{r-1} + c \underline{t}^r = 0$$

$$a r(r-1) + b r + c = 0$$

$$a r^2 + (b-a)r + c = 0 \Rightarrow r_1, r_2$$

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$$(t_0 > 0)$$

"Characteristic Polynomial"

$r_1 \neq r_2$ , real,

$$x(t) = \underline{A t^{r_1} + B t^{r_2}}$$

$r_1 = r_2 (= r)$ , real,

$$x(t) = \underline{A t^r + B (\log t) t^r}$$

$r_1, r_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$  (complex)

$$x(t) = A t^{(\alpha+i\beta)} + B t^{(\alpha-i\beta)}$$

$$= \underline{\tilde{A} t^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln t) + \tilde{B} t^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln t)}$$

# Euler Equation

$$a t^2 \ddot{x}(t) + b t \dot{x}(t) + c x(t) = 0$$

$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$\dot{x}(t_0) = y_0$$

$$(t_0 > 0)$$

Alternative method: change of time

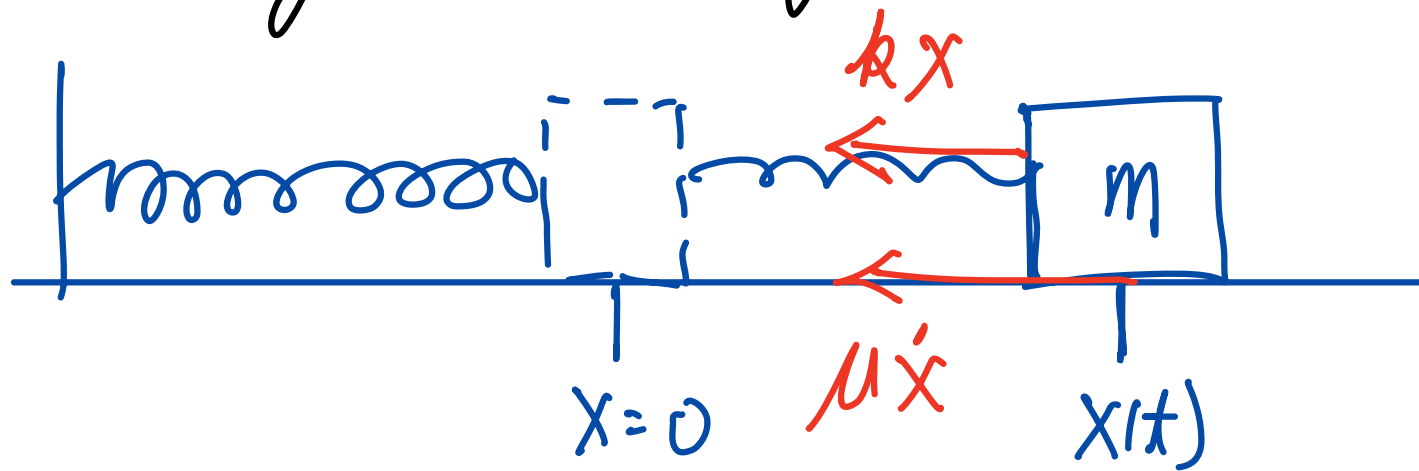
$$t = e^s, s = \log t \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{1}{t} \frac{dy}{ds} = e^{-s} \frac{dy}{ds}$$

$$\underline{x(t) = y(s)}$$

$$a e^{2s} e^{-s} \frac{d}{ds} \left( e^{-s} \frac{d}{ds} y(s) \right) + b e^s e^{-s} \frac{d}{ds} (y(s)) + c y(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \frac{d^2 y}{ds^2} + (b-a) \frac{dy}{ds} + c y = 0$$

# Spring Mass System

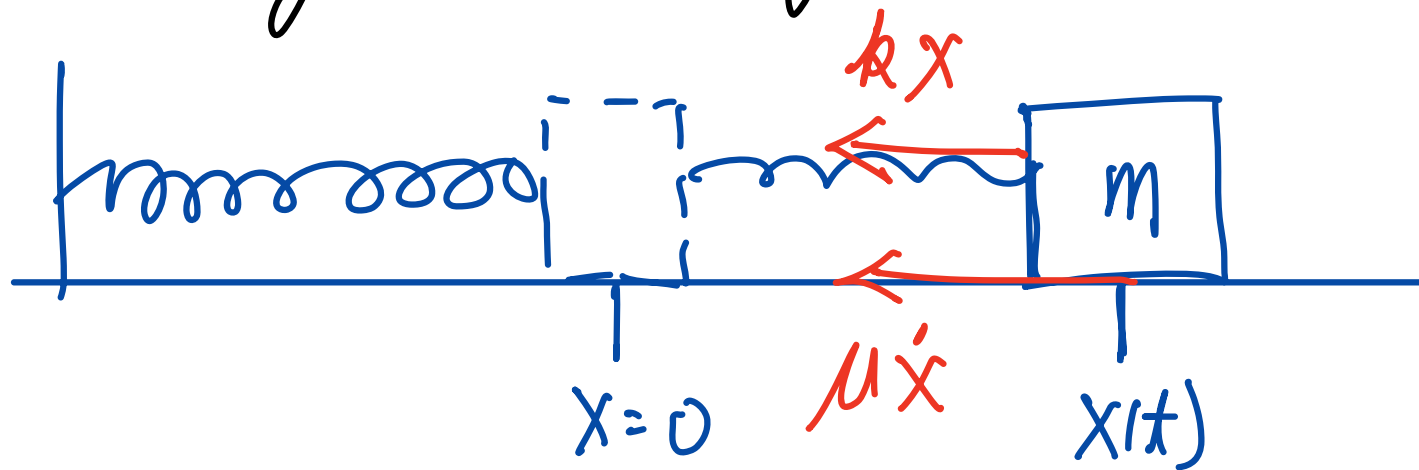


$$m \ddot{x} = \underbrace{-kx}_{\text{Hooke's Law}} - \mu \dot{x} \quad \leftarrow \text{friction}$$

$$m \ddot{x} + \mu \dot{x} + kx = 0$$

char. poly:  $m r^2 + \mu r + k = 0$

# Spring Mass System



Char. poly:  $m r^2 + \mu r + k = 0$

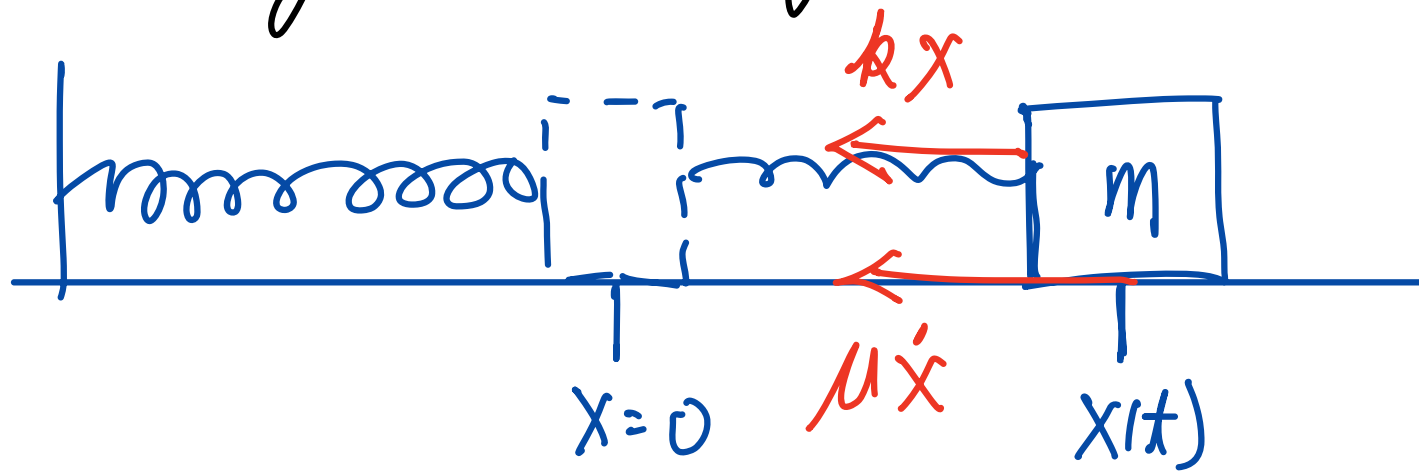
$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-\mu \pm \sqrt{\mu^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

①  $\mu^2 > 4mk \Rightarrow$  overdamped,  $r_1, r_2 < 0$

$x(t) = A e^{r_1 t} + B e^{r_2 t}$



# Spring Mass System



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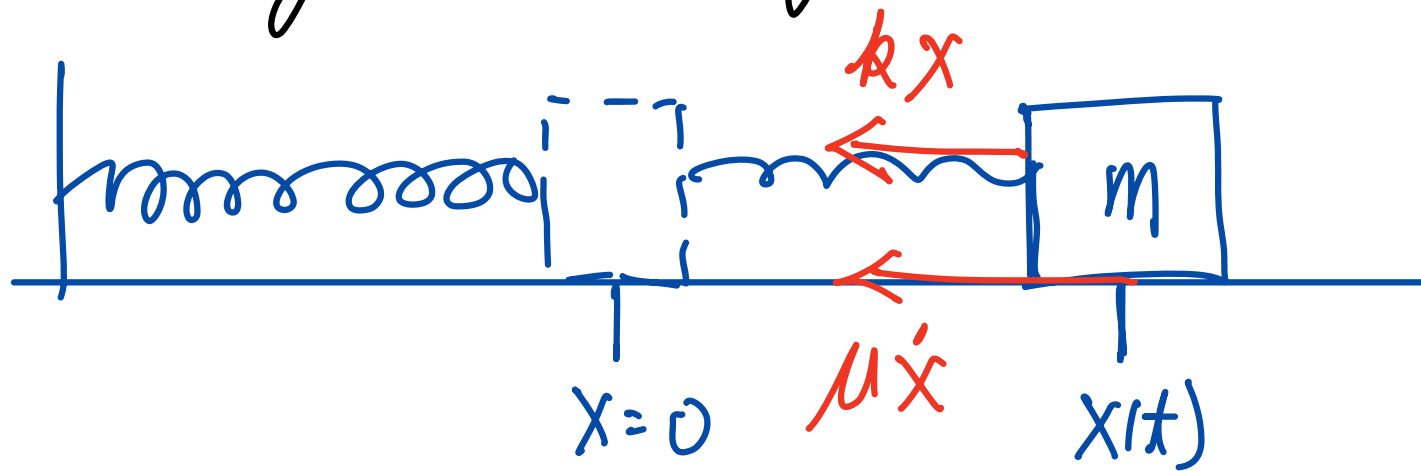
$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-\mu \pm \sqrt{\mu^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

②

$\mu^2 = 4mk \Rightarrow$  critically damped,  $r_1 = r_2 = -\frac{\mu}{2m}$

$x(t) = A e^{-\frac{\mu}{2m}t} + B t e^{-\frac{\mu}{2m}t}$

# Spring Mass System



$$m r^2 + \mu r + k = 0$$

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-\mu \pm \sqrt{\mu^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$

③

$\mu^2 < 4mk \Rightarrow$  under-damped,  $r_1, r_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta,$   
 $x(t) = A e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + B e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t$   $\alpha = -\frac{\mu}{2m} < 0$

# 2x2 Linear System

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX, \quad X(0) = X_0$$

$$X(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Solution:  $X(t) = e^{At} X_0$ )

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

## Characteristic polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= \det(A - \lambda I) = (a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc \\ &= \lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + (ad - bc) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \lambda_1, \lambda_2$  *two eigenvalues*

## 2x2 Linear System

① 2 distinct, real, eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

$\Rightarrow$  2 eigenvectors:  $AV_1 = \lambda_1 V_1$ ,  $AV_2 = \lambda_2 V_2$

$$\underline{X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} V_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} V_2}$$

①' Repeating eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ ,

but still with 2 eigenvectors  $V_1, V_2$ , eg.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underline{\Rightarrow X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} V_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} V_2}$$

# 2x2 Linear System

② Repeating eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 (= \lambda)$   
but with only 1 eigenvector  $V$ :  $AV = \lambda V$

$$\text{eg } A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Find  $U$  st.  $(A - \lambda I)U = V$

$\nearrow$  generalized eigenvector

$$((A - \lambda I)^2 U = 0)$$

$$X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} V + c_2 e^{\lambda t} (tV + U)$$

# 2x2 Linear System

③  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , 2 complex eigenvalues

(Still  $AV_1 = \lambda_1 V_1$ ,  $AV_2 = \lambda_2 V_2$ ,  $V_1, V_2$  - complex)

Express using real vectors  $\downarrow$   
 $X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} V_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} V_2$  real vec.  
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$ ,  $V_1, V_2 = R + iS$

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= c_1 e^{(\alpha+i\beta)t} (R+iS) + c_2 e^{(\alpha-i\beta)t} (R-iS) \\ &= \tilde{c}_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t R - \sin \beta t S) \\ &\quad + \tilde{c}_2 e^{\alpha t} (\sin \beta t R + \cos \beta t S) \end{aligned}$$

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Express using real vectors  $X(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} V_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} V_2$  real vec.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$ ,  $V_1, V_2 = R + iS$

$X(t)$

$$= e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} R & S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta t & \sin \beta t \\ -\sin \beta t & \cos \beta t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{c}_1 \\ \tilde{c}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

[M, p. 36 (2.22)]

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## 2.2 ■ Two-Dimensional Linear Systems

The properties of the eigenvalues of the arbitrary real,  $2 \times 2$  matrix,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , can be easily obtained in general. Its eigenvalues are roots of the characteristic polynomial

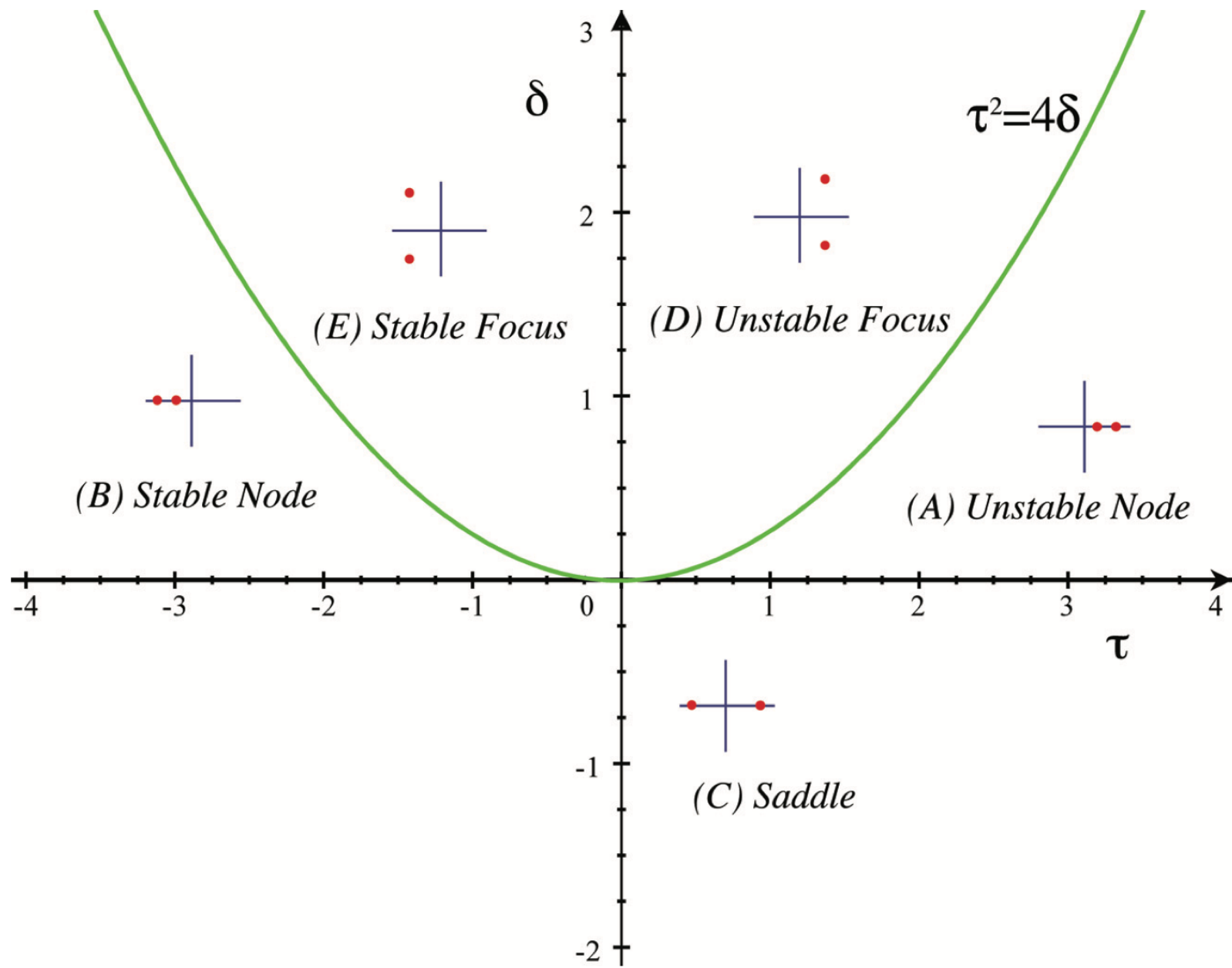
$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= \lambda^2 - \tau\lambda + \delta = 0, \\ \tau &\equiv \text{tr}(A) = a + d, \\ \delta &\equiv \det(A) = ad - bc. \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

Thus, the eigenvalues depend only on the values of  $\tau$ , the *trace* of  $A$ , and  $\delta$ , the *determinant* of  $A$ . The roots of  $p$  are

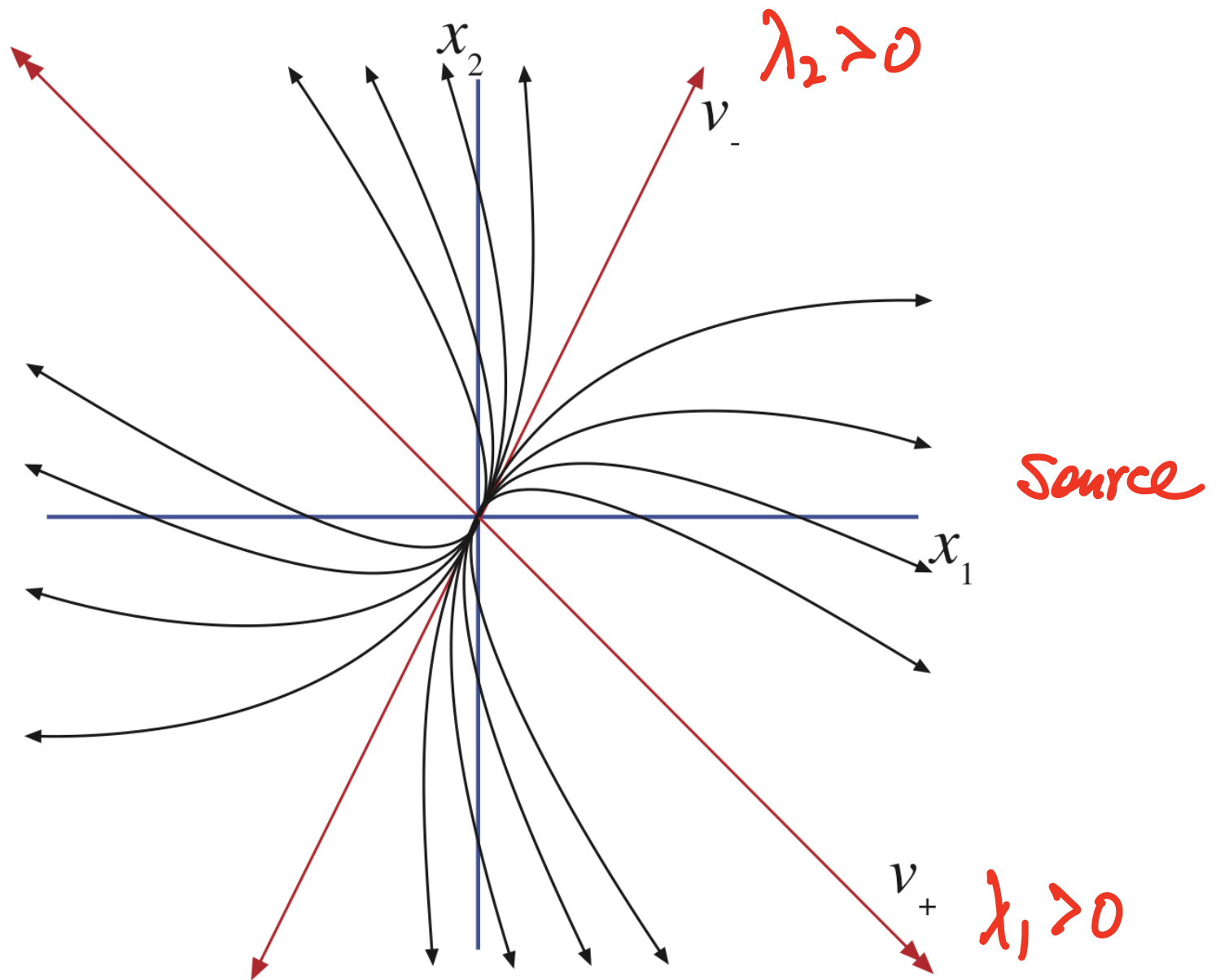
$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{\tau \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}, \quad \Delta \equiv \tau^2 - 4\delta = (a - d)^2 + 4bc. \tag{2.19}$$

Here,  $\Delta$  is the *discriminant* of  $p$ . There are five different eigenvalue regions in the  $(\tau, \delta)$ -plane, as shown in Figure 2.1. The insets in the figure show complex  $\lambda$ -planes

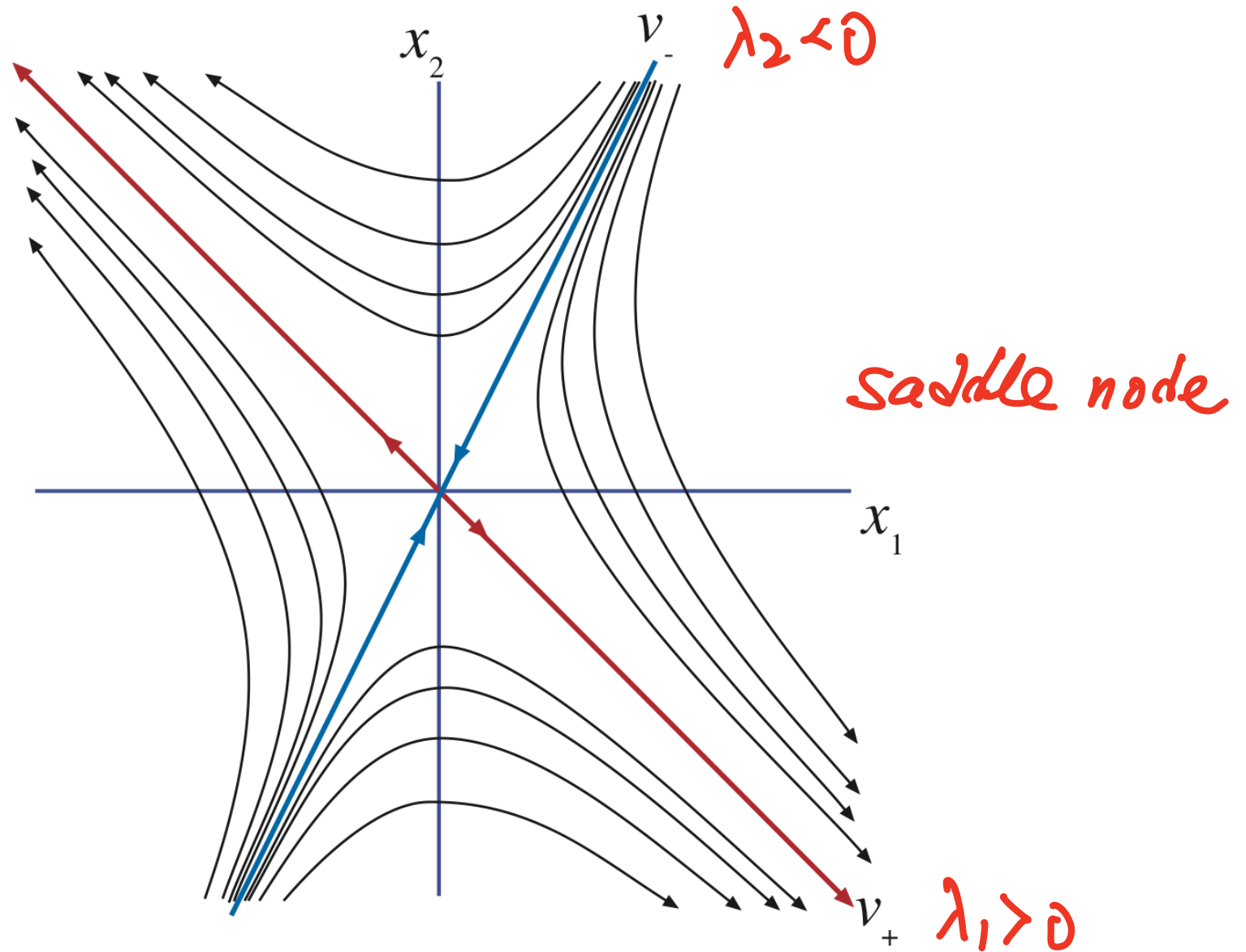




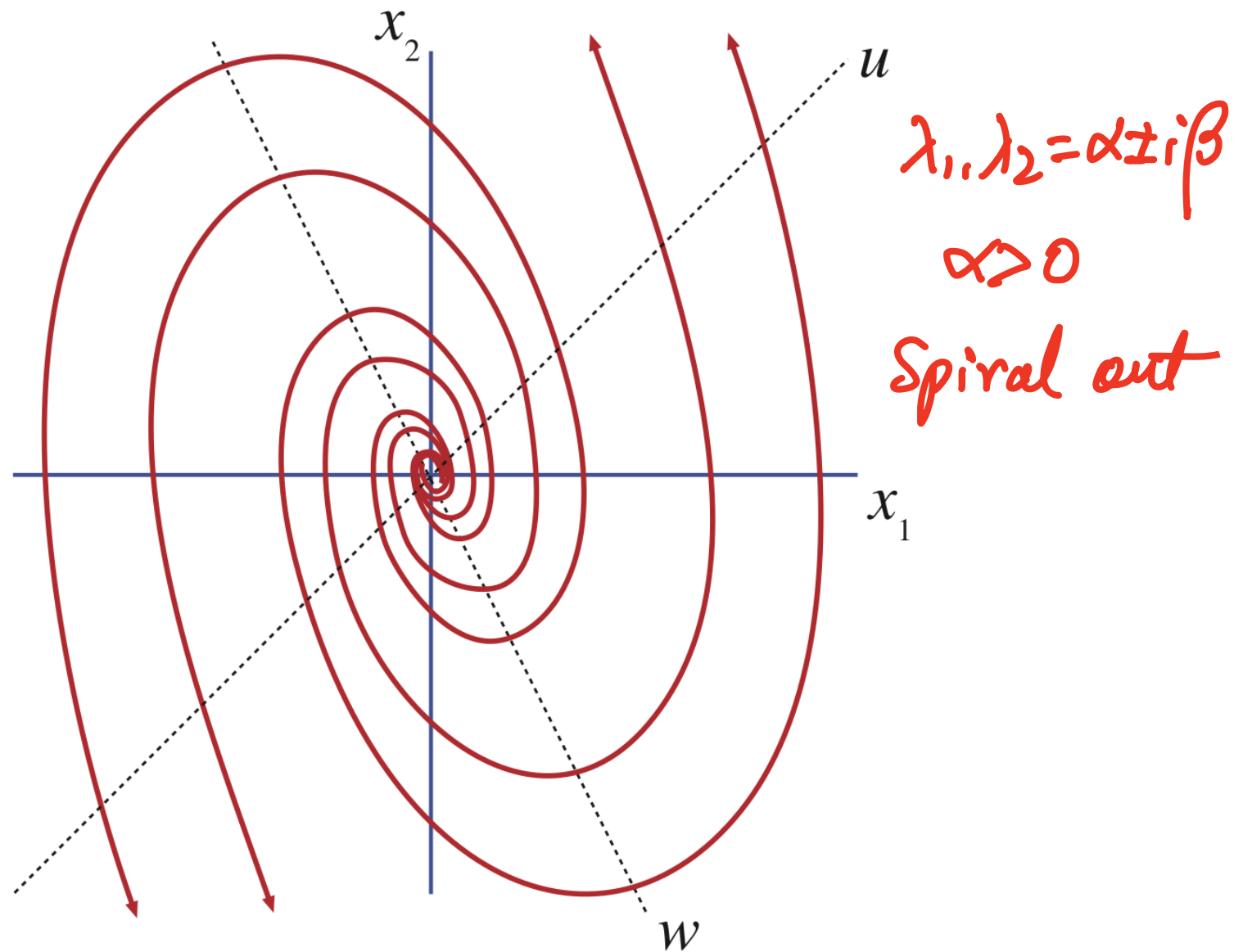
**Figure 2.1.** Classification of the eigenvalues for a  $2 \times 2$  linear system in the parameter space of the trace,  $\tau$ , and determinant,  $\delta$ .



**Figure 2.2.** Phase portrait of an unstable node with  $v_+ = (1, -1)^T$ , and  $v_- = (1, 2)^T$  and  $\lambda_-$ . The arrows denote the direction of motion.



**Figure 2.3.** Phase portrait of a saddle with  $v_+ = (1, -1)^T$ , and  $v_- = (1, 2)^T$  and  $\lambda_+ = 1$ . The arrows denote the direction of motion.



**Figure 2.4.** Phase portrait of an unstable focus with  $u = (1, 1)^T$ , and  $w = (1, -2)^T$  and  $\det[u, w] < 0$ . Here the motion is counterclockwise since  $\det[u, w] < 0$ .