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(Higher) Theory & Applications of  
Differential Equations

Seminar I / II

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# *Part I: Linear ODEs*

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- **Example:**  $u' + u = x, \quad u(0) = 0.$
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- **What does this mean?:** The solution space has a basis of dimension  $m$ , with elements  $u_1, \dots, u_m$ . And so every solution to the homogeneous equation can be written as a linear combination of this basis:

$$u(x) = c_1 u_1(x) + \dots + c_m u_m(x), \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

This is called the general solution.

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We can do the same for an inhomogeneous equation  $Lu = f$  by fixing a particular solution  $u_p$ . Then for any solution  $u$ ,  $L(u - u_p) = f - f = 0$  and so we can write  $u - u_p$  as a linear combination of the homogeneous equation basis:

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Rearranging, we have the general solution for an inhomogeneous differential equation:

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on an interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then the Wronskian satisfies

$$a_m(x)W'(x) + a_{m-1}(x)W(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in I.$$

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Since  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are solutions to the ODE, the RHS is 0.



# Linear Independence of solutions

## Theorem 3: Linear independence

Let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be solutions to the non-singular, linear, homogeneous  $m$ -th order ODE  $Lu = 0$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Then either

$W(x) = 0$  and the  $m$  solutions are linearly dependent,

or

$W(x) \neq 0$  and the  $m$  solutions are linearly independent.

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## Theorem 6

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So if the RHS of the inhomogeneous linear ODE is a polynomial times an exponential, and the exponential isn't in the homogeneous solution, then the guess for the particular solution should be a polynomial times exponential.

# General solutions

## Example 3: MATH2221 2014 T2 2.ii)

Let  $p(z) = (z - 1)(z + 2)^2(z^2 + 1)$  and  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ .

- Write down the general solution  $u_H$  of the 5-th order, linear homogeneous ODE  $p(D)u = 0$ .
- Write down the form of a particular solution  $u_P$  to the inhomogeneous ODE

$$p(D)u = e^{-2x} + x^2 + \cos(x).$$

The zeros of  $p(z)$  are 1,  $-2$  (multiplicity 2),  $i$  and  $-i$ . So the homogeneous ODE has general solution

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# Reduction of order

## Theorem 7: Reduction of order

If we know a solution  $u_1(x) \neq 0$  to the ODE

$$u'' + p(x)u' + q(x)u = 0$$

then we can find a second solution

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where  $\rho > 0$ .

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### Example 7: MATH2121 2018 T2 1.iii)

We aim to construct a series solution to the ODE about the ordinary point  $x_0 = 0$ :

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 20y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0,$$

of the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n x^n.$$

- Give the recurrence relation for the coefficients  $A_n$ .
- Explain from the recurrence relation that one of the series will terminate yielding a polynomial solution, and the other does not.
- Write down the polynomial solution.

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We combine the last three sums as follows.

$$Ly = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)A_n x^{n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-n^2 - n + 20)A_n x^n.$$

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## Example 8: MATH2221 2015 T2 1.iii)

Consider the ODE

$$(1 + z^2)u'' - zu' - 3u = 0.$$

- Find the recurrence relation satisfied by the coefficients  $A_k$  in any power series solution:

$$u = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^k.$$

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For a particular solution to the inhomogeneous Cauchy-Euler equation

$$ax^2u'' + bxu' + cu = x^r,$$

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So  $y(x) = C_1x^{-1} + C_2x^{-3/2} - 8x^{1/4}$ .

## Frobenious normal form

A frequent form of ODE that appears in many applications can be written in **Frobenious normal form**:

$$z^2 u'' + zP(z)u' + Q(z)u = 0,$$

where  $P(z)$  and  $Q(z)$  are analytic at 0. Let  $P_0 = P(0)$  and  $Q_0 = Q(0)$ , and define a series  $F$  as

$$F(z; r) = z^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(r) z^k.$$

Consider the equation  $r(r-1) + P_0 r + Q_0 = 0$  with solutions  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ .

### Lemma 5

If  $r_1 \neq r_2$ , then  $f(z; r_1)$  is a solution to the Frobenious normal form ODE. If  $r_1 - r_2$  is **not** a whole number, then a second linearly independent solution is  $F(z; r_2)$ .

# Bessel function

The **Bessel equation with parameter  $\nu$**  is:

$$z^2 u'' + zu' + (z^2 - \nu^2)u = 0.$$

This ODE is in Frobenius normal form, with indicial polynomial:

$$I(r) = (r + \nu)(r - \nu),$$

and we seek a series solution:

$$u(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^{k+r}.$$

We assume  $\operatorname{Re}(\nu) \geq 0$ , so  $r_1 = \nu$  and  $r_2 = -\nu$ .

# Bessel function

With the normalisation:

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2^\nu \Gamma(1 + \nu)}$$

the series solution is called the **Bessel function of order  $\nu$**  and is denoted:

$$J_\nu(z) = \frac{(z/2)^\nu}{\Gamma(1 + \nu)} \left[ 1 - \frac{(z/2)^\nu}{1 + \nu} + \frac{(z/2)^4}{2!(1 + \nu)(2 + \nu)} - \dots \right].$$

And from the functional equation  $\Gamma(1 + z) = z\Gamma(z)$ :

$$J_\nu(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (z/2)^{2k+\nu}}{k! \Gamma(k + 1 + \nu)}$$

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If  $\nu$  is not an integer, then a second linearly independent, solution is:

$$J_{-\nu}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (z/2)^{2k-\nu}}{k! \Gamma(k+1-\nu)}.$$

For an integer  $\nu = n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , since  $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$ , we have:

$$J_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (z/2)^{2k+n}}{k! (k+n)!}.$$

Also, since  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} = 0$  for  $z = 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , we find that  $J_n$  and  $J_{-n}$  are linearly independent; in fact:

$$J_{-n}(z) = (-1)^n J_n(z).$$

# Bessel function

## Example 10: MATH2221 2015 T2 2.ii)

- ① Use term-by-term differentiation to prove that for  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x > 0$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^\nu J_\nu(x)) = x^\nu J_{\nu-1}(x).$$

- ② Hence evaluate the definite integral:

$$I = \int_0^1 x^{\frac{7}{2}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) dx.$$

## Bessel function

Note that

$$x^\nu J_\nu(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^\nu \frac{(-1)^k (x/2)^{2k+\nu}}{k! \Gamma(k+1+\nu)}.$$

Moving the  $x^\nu$  into the fraction,

$$x^\nu J_\nu(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (x)^{2k+2\nu}}{2^{2k+\nu} k! \Gamma(k+1+\nu)}.$$

Take one term in this sum and differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{(-1)^k (x)^{2k+2\nu}}{2^{2k+\nu} k! \Gamma(k+1+\nu)} \right) = \frac{(-1)^k (2k+2\nu) x^{2k+2\nu-1}}{2^{2k+\nu} k! \Gamma(k+1+\nu)}.$$

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Since  $\Gamma(k+1+\nu) = (k+\nu)\Gamma(k+\nu)$ , then

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However there is a factor of  $2(k+\nu)$  in both the numerator and denominator. So

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Finally, factor out a factor  $x^\nu$ :

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integral  $\int_0^1 x^{\frac{7}{2}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) dx$ , we separate and use integration by parts:

$$\int_0^1 x^2 \cdot x^{\frac{3}{2}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) dx$$

where  $u' = x^{\frac{3}{2}} J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$  and  $v = x^2$ .

## Bessel function

Applying integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= [x^2 \cdot x^{\frac{3}{2}} J_{\frac{3}{2}}(x)]_0^1 - \int_0^1 2x \cdot x^{\frac{3}{2}} J_{\frac{3}{2}}(x) dx \\ &= J_{\frac{3}{2}}(1) - 2 \int_0^1 x^{\frac{5}{2}} J_{\frac{3}{2}}(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

However by our previous result,  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^\nu J_\nu(x)) = x^\nu J_{\nu-1}(x)$ . So the antiderivative of  $x^{5/2} J_{3/2}$  is  $x^{5/2} J_{5/2}$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} &= J_{\frac{3}{2}}(1) - 2[x^{\frac{5}{2}} J_{\frac{5}{2}}(x)]_0^1 \\ &= J_{\frac{3}{2}}(1) - 2J_{\frac{5}{2}}(1). \end{aligned}$$

## Legendre equation (2221 only)

The **Legendre equation** with parameter  $\nu$  is:

$$(1 - z^2)u'' - 2zu' + \nu(\nu + 1)u = 0.$$

This ODE is not singular at  $z = 0$ , so the solution has an ordinary Taylor series expansion:

$$u = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^k.$$

The  $A_k$  must satisfy:

$$(k + 1)(k + 2)A_{k+2} - [k(k + 1) - \nu(\nu + 1)]A_k = 0.$$

The recurrence relation is:

$$A_{k+2} = \frac{(k - \nu)(k + \nu + 1)}{(k + 1)(k + 2)} A_k \quad \text{for } k \geq 0.$$

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We have:

$$u(z) = A_0 u_0(z) + A_1 u_1(z)$$

where:

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and:

$$u_1(z) = z - \frac{(\nu-1)(\nu-2)}{3!}z^3 + \frac{(\nu-3)(\nu-1)(\nu+2)(\nu+4)}{5!}z^5 - \dots$$

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# *Dynamical Systems*

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**State variables** are natural variables which depending on a single independent variable. A **dynamical system** is a natural process described by these state variables. The state of a system at a given time is described by the values of the state variables at that instant.

Note that any  $n$ th order ODE can be written as a system of **first order** ODEs (not vice versa):

$$\frac{d^n y}{dt^n} = g\left(y, \frac{dy}{dt}, \dots, \frac{d^{n-1}y}{dt^{n-1}}\right)$$
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

# Non-autonomous ODEs

## Definition 8

A system of ODEs of the form:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$$

is said to be **autonomous**.

## Definition 9

In a **non-autonomous system**,  $\mathbf{F}$  may depend explicitly on  $t$ :

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## Existence and Uniqueness Theorem (2221 only)

We want to find solutions to a non-autonomous system. The following theorem guarantees a unique solution for a non-autonomous system, under certain conditions.

### Theorem 10

The initial value problem defined by:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

has a unique solution  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  over a time interval  $|t - t_0| < \alpha$  if  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  is continuous and Lipschitz.

In fact,  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is continuous and differentiable.

# Notes

- The existence of solutions follow from continuity in  $x$  and  $t$ .
- The uniqueness of solutions follow from the Lipschitz condition in  $x$ .
- The theorem is a local existence theorem. It provides for the existence of solutions over a finite time interval.

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which cannot hold true for  $x$  and  $y$  both 0.

# Linear systems of ODEs

## Definition 12

We say that the  $n \times n$ , first-order system of ODEs:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

is **linear** if the RHS has the form:

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t) = A(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}(t)$$

for some  $n \times n$  matrix-valued function  $A(t) = [a_{i,j}(t)]$  and a vector-valued function  $\mathbf{b}(t) = [b_i(t)]$ .

The linear first-order system is autonomous when  $A$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are constant.

# Global Existence and Uniqueness

We have a stronger existence result in the linear case:

## Theorem 11

If  $A(t)$  and  $\mathbf{b}(t)$  are continuous for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , then the linear initial-value problem

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The general solution to this system is

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where  $\lambda_i$  is the  $i$ -th eigenvalue with corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are constants.

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The issue is calculating  $e^{tA}$ , which requires finding  $A^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . To do this efficiently, we look to diagonalisation.

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$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  corresponding to eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_i$ .

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This is better because

$$\Lambda^k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda^n \end{pmatrix}.$$

In fact, due to the Taylor series of the exponential function, we can simplify the solution to the initial-valued system further.

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We can now find the exponential of  $tA$ :

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This is the exponential function Taylor series at the point  $\lambda$ , so

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Then the solution is the constant function  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a}$ .

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## Linear constant case

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and the solution to the system is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a} + e^{tA}(\mathbf{x}_0 - \mathbf{a}).$$

# Linear constant case

## Theorem 14

Consider the previous linear constant coefficient system. Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ . The equilibrium point  $\mathbf{a} = -A^{-1}b$  is:

- ① **Stable** if and only if  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_j) \leq 0$  for all  $j$ .
- ② **asymptotically stable** if and only if  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_j) < 0$  for all  $j$ .

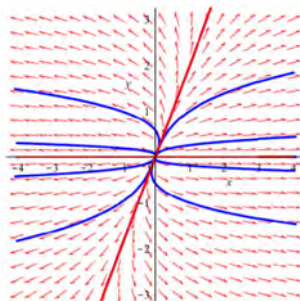
In the second case, the domain of attraction is the whole of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

# Classification of 2D Linear Systems

Type	Eigenvalues	Eigenvectors	$X(t)$	Classification
1: $B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$	$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$	$v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}$	$[v^{(1)}e^{\lambda_1 t} \ v^{(2)}e^{\lambda_2 t}]$	Improper Node
	$\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$	$v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}$	$[v^{(1)}e^{\lambda_1 t} \ v^{(2)}e^{\lambda_2 t}]$	Saddle Point
2: $B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \gamma \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ $\lambda, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$	$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ (multiplicity 2)	$v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}$ ( $v^{(2)}$ generalised eigenvector)	$[v^{(1)}e^{\lambda t} \ (v^{(2)} + tv^{(1)})e^{\lambda t}]$	Deficient Node
	$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ (2D eigenspace)	$v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}$ any basis of $\mathbb{R}^2$	$[v^{(1)}e^{\lambda_1 t} \ v^{(2)}e^{\lambda_2 t}]$	Star (or proper) Node
3: $B = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\omega \\ \omega & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$ $\alpha, \omega \in \mathbb{R}$	$\lambda_1 = i\beta = \overline{\lambda_2}$ ( $\beta \neq 0$ ) $\in \mathbb{R}$	$v^{(2)} = \overline{v^{(1)}}$	$[\operatorname{Re}(v^{(1)}e^{i\beta t}) \ \operatorname{Im}(v^{(2)}e^{i\beta t})]$	Centre (or vortex)
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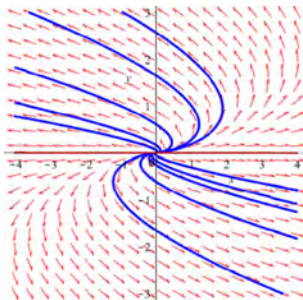
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Here  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Which eigenline orbits tend to depends on the eigenvalues.



# Deficient Node

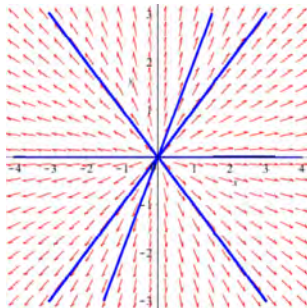
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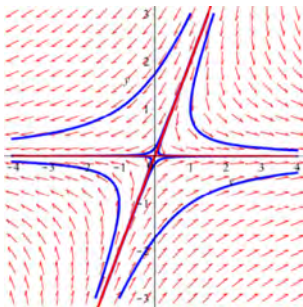
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Here  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \neq 0$  and all nonzero vectors are eigenvectors. Therefore, all orbits are either being attracted or repelled by the equilibrium points.



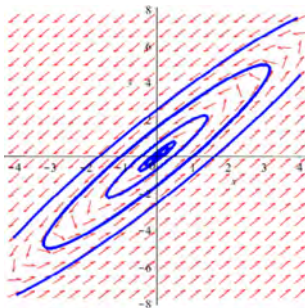
# Saddle Point

Here,  $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$ . This means  $\lambda_1$  is attracting, whilst  $\lambda_2$  is repelling.



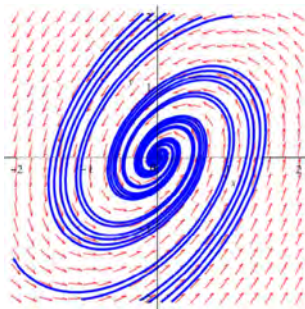
# Centre

Here  $\lambda_1 = i\beta = \lambda_2$ , where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . If eigenvalues are purely imaginary, orbits are given by ellipses around the eigen-plane as  $e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)$ .



# Spiral

Here  $\lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta = \bar{\lambda}_2$ . If eigenvalues are in conjugate pairs, real parts of the orbit will be defined by  $e^{-\lambda t} = e^{-\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)t}(c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t))$ , which will spiral inward or outward, clockwise or anticlockwise depending on values of  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)$ .



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The eigenvalues of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

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Since  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_2) > 0$  then  $(0, 0)$  is an unstable equilibrium point.

Hence  $(0, 0)$  is an unstable saddle point.

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## Example 14

Consider the system of ODEs

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx_1}{dt} &= x_1 x_2, \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} &= -x_1^2.\end{aligned}$$

Prove that  $G(\mathbf{x}) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  is a first integral.

Set the function  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$  as the RHS of the system:

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 \\ -x_1^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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We want to find the gradient of  $G$ :

$$\nabla G(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So

$$\nabla G(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 \\ -x_1^2 \end{pmatrix} = 2x_1^2 x_2 - 2x_2 x_1^2 = 0.$$

This means that all solutions to the system of ODEs must be mapped to a constant under  $G$ . That is, if  $(x_1, x_2)$  is a solution then  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = C$  for *some*  $C$ . In other words, all the solutions to the system of ODEs lie on *some* circle around the origin. What this tells us is that if  $x_1 = r \cos(t)$  then  $x_2$  must be  $r \sin(t)$  for whatever value of  $r > 0$ .