

9.3 Phase Plane Portraits

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

where $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$

characteristic polynomial: $\lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = 0$

$$D = \det(A) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

$$T = \text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22}$$

Stable manifold
Unstable manifold
Phase plane

For $\vec{y}' = A\vec{y}$, equilibrium points are points $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ where $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

In most cases we will look at, $\det A \neq 0$ and $\vec{0}$ is the only equilibrium pt

Note: $\vec{y}(t) = \vec{0}$ is an equilibrium solution

$$\vec{y}'(t) = \vec{0} = A\vec{0} = A\vec{y}(t)$$

Real, distinct eigenvalues: $T^2 - 4D > 0$

general solution: $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$

Consider when one of C_1 or C_2 is 0.

$C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1$ and $C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$ are exponential solutions

If solution has form $\vec{y}(t) = C e^{\lambda t} \vec{y}$

If $C > 0$, $\vec{y}(t)$ is a positive multiple of \vec{v} bc

$$\vec{y}(t) = (C e^{\lambda t}) \vec{v} > 0 \text{ since } e^{\lambda t} > 0$$

If $C < 0$, $\vec{y}(t)$ is positive multiple of $-\vec{v}$ bc

$$\vec{y}(t) = (-C e^{\lambda t}) (-\vec{v}) > 0$$

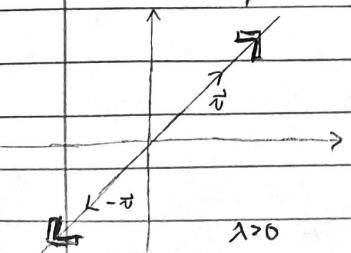
If $\lambda > 0$, $e^{\lambda t}$ increases from 0 to ∞ as t increases from $-\infty$ to ∞

If $\lambda < 0$, $e^{\lambda t}$ decreases from ∞ to 0 as t increases from $-\infty$ to ∞

$\vec{y}(t)$ traces half-line consisting of + multiples of $C\vec{v}$

- there are 2 solution curves in phase plane depending on C 's sign, these exponential solutions are sometimes called half-line solutions

when $\lambda > 0$, $e^{\lambda t}$ increases as t increases



$\vec{y}(t) = C e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$ move away from origin/equilibrium as t increases.
Moves to origin when t gets to $-\infty$. Called unstable solution.

Ex:

when $\lambda < 0$, $e^{\lambda t} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, so solution $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$ approaches equilibrium pt at origin as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Called stable solutions.

big arrows indicate flow direction
as t increases

Saddle Point: real eigenvalues w/ different signs $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$

$$\boxed{\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2}$$

- If $C_2 = 0$ $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1$
 $\lambda_1 < 0 \Rightarrow$ 2 stable half-line solutions

- If $C_1 = 0$ $\vec{y}(t) = C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$
 $\lambda_2 > 0 \Rightarrow$ 2 unstable half-line solutions

$\lambda_1 < 0$ • If $C_1 \neq 0, C_2 \neq 0$ $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$
superposition of 2 solutions

refer to figures 1 & 2 as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 \rightarrow \vec{0}$ so $\vec{y}(t)$ tends to $C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$. Solution curve goes to ∞ , asymptotic to half-line generated by $C_2 \vec{v}_2$

$\lambda_2 > 0$ • As $t \rightarrow -\infty C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2 \rightarrow \vec{0}$ $\vec{y}(t)$ tends to $C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1$ as solution curve goes to ∞ , asymptotic half-line generated by $C_1 \vec{v}_1$

Solution $\vec{y}(t) = 0.8 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + 1.2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$

tends to $1.2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

tends to $0.8 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$

Ex: Find general solution, sketch half-line solutions & rough approximation of a solution in each region determined by half-line solutions

$$\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y} \quad \text{Since } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2, \vec{y}_1(t) = e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y}_2(t) = e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore$$

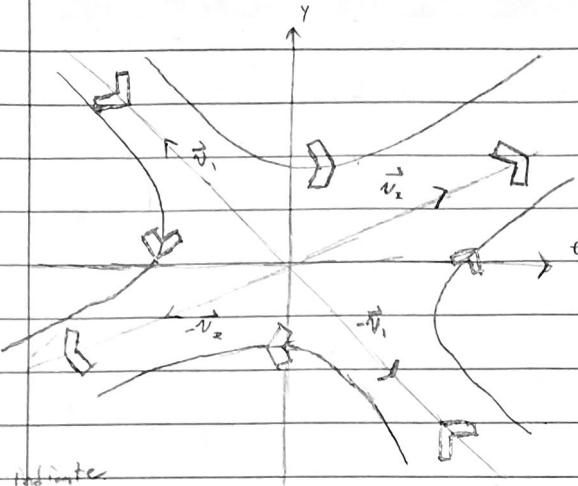
$$\lambda_1 = -3 \quad \lambda_2 = 3$$

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$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

fundamental set

$$\boxed{\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$



When $C_1=0$, $\vec{y}(t)=C_2 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ increases as t increases, half-line solutions move away from origin. Traces half lines along line $2y_2=y_1$ or $y_2=\frac{y_1}{2}$ from origin

$C_2=0$, $\vec{y}(t)=C_1 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, as $t \rightarrow \infty$ half-line solutions approach origin. Traces half-lines decaying to origin w/ equation $-y_2=y_1$ or $y_2=-y_1$

Big arrows indicate direction of flow as t increases

The solution trajectories of $\vec{y}'=A\vec{y}$ CANNOT cross one another, so half-line solutions separate phase plane into 4 regions.

Plot trajectories w/ initial conditions in each of 4 regions.

As t increases, solutions tend towards $C_2 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- For these solutions, $C_1 \neq 0$ and $C_2 \neq 0$ As $t \rightarrow -\infty$, solutions tend towards $C_1 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Exponential (half-line) Solutions separate phase plane into 4 regions where solution curves have different behavior

The curve (half-lines) are called separatrices

2 separatrices are stable solution curves that approach equilibrium point as $t \rightarrow \infty$

2 separatrices are unstable solutions that approach equilibrium point as $t \rightarrow -\infty$

Any equilibrium point w/ this property is a saddle point

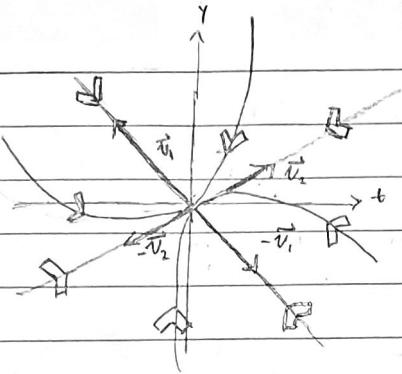
Nodal Sink

both eigenvalues are negative $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$

general solution: $\vec{y}(t)=C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$

When one of C_1 or C_2 is 0, we get stable exponential solution since both eigenvalues are negative

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$$\text{Ex: } \vec{y}(t) = 0.7e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 \quad ; \quad \vec{y}(t) = 0.5e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$, both solutions decay to origin along half-lines generated by $0.7\vec{v}_1$ and $0.5\vec{v}_2$

$$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, solution $\vec{y}(t) = 0.7e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + 0.5e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$ decays

Therefore as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\vec{y}(t) = \vec{0}$ but to origin in direction parallel to $0.5\vec{v}_2$.

Solution curve becomes to half-line generated by $C_2 \vec{v}_2$ As $t \rightarrow -\infty$, solution moves to ∞ in direction parallel to $0.7\vec{v}_1$.

$\vec{y}(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} (C_1 \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} \vec{v}_2)$, since $\lambda_1 < 0$, as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ $e^{\lambda_1 t} \rightarrow 0$ and $\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ so $C_2 e^{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} \vec{v}_2 \rightarrow 0$. Therefore as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ $\|\vec{y}(t)\|$ becomes ∞ large.

Planar linear system w/ 2 negative eigenvalues, all solution curves approach origin as $t \rightarrow \infty$ w/ tangent line. I.e. \vec{v}_1 approaches origin along \vec{v}_1 everything else goes along \vec{v}_2 .

- $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$ Any equilibrium point for planar system that has solution curves going to it as $t \rightarrow \infty$, it's called a nodal sink.
- $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$ If all solution curves approach equilibrium as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ w/ well defined tangent, equilibrium point called a nodal source.
- Planar linear system w/ 2 negative eigenvalues has nodal sink at origin

$$\text{Ex: } \vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$$

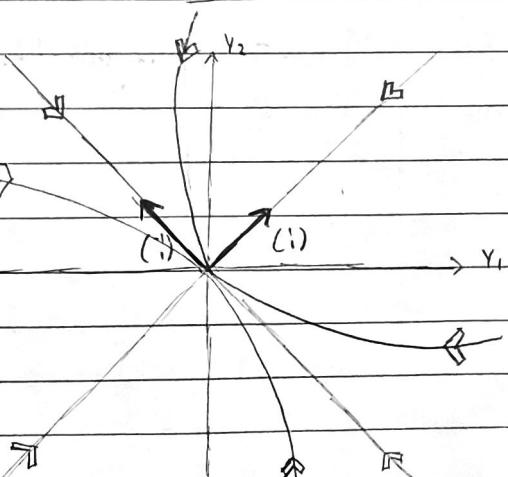
eigenvalues: $-2, -4$

eigenvectors: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

general solution: $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ half-line solutions decay to origin along $y_2 = y_1$ half-line as $t \rightarrow \infty$

- $\vec{y}(t) = C_2 e^{-4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ solutions decay to origin along $y_2 = y_1$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$



- If $C_1 \neq 0 \& C_2 \neq 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ decays to origin // to $(C_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$. As $t \rightarrow -\infty$ $\vec{y}(t)$ approaches ∞ in direction // to $(C_2 e^{-4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$.

If both eigenvalues have $\text{Re}\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$, we get nodal source

If both eigenvalues have $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$, we get nodal sink

Ex: $\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$ source

eigenvalues 2, 4
eigenvectors $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Complex Eigenvalues

$$\lambda = \alpha + i\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\lambda} = \alpha - i\beta$$

If λ has associated eigenvector $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + i\vec{v}_2$, then general solution is

$$\vec{y}(t) = C_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t \vec{v}_1 - \sin \beta t \vec{v}_2) + C_2 e^{\alpha t} (\sin \beta t \vec{v}_1 + \cos \beta t \vec{v}_2)$$

Center: pure imaginary eigenvalues $\alpha = 0$

$$\vec{y}(t) = C_1 \left(\cos \beta t \vec{v}_1 - \sin \beta t \vec{v}_2 \right) + C_2 \left(\sin \beta t \vec{v}_1 + \cos \beta t \vec{v}_2 \right)$$

$$\vec{y}(t) \text{ is periodic w/ period } T = \frac{2\pi}{|\beta|}$$

Ex: $\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$

eigenvalues $\lambda = 2i, \bar{\lambda} = -2i$ general solution: $\vec{y}(t) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2t \\ -\sin 2t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix}$
eigenvector $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$

Solution curves are circles

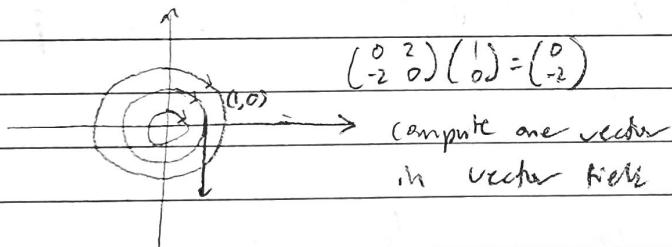
$$\text{System: } \begin{pmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since can show $(y_1^2 + y_2^2)' = 0 \Rightarrow y_1^2 + y_2^2 = \text{constant}$

$$y'_1 = 2y_2$$

\Rightarrow solution curves are circles around origin

$$y'_2 = -2y_1$$

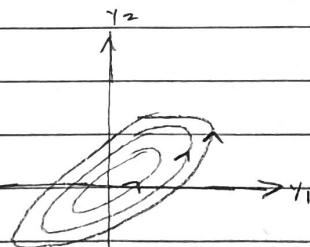


An equilibrium point for any planar system that has the property it's surrounded by solution curves is a center

A PLANAR SYSTEM W/ PURELY IM EIGENVALUES HAVE CENTER AT ORIGIN

- Solution curves of center not necessarily circles

- For linear systems, centers have orbits that are similar ellipses



Ex: $\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -10 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$

eigenvalues: $\pm 2i$

eigenvector: $2i$ has $\begin{pmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

equilibrium point at origin is a center, but curves are ellipses

Spiral Sink: Real part of complex conjugate negative ($\alpha < 0$)

$$\lambda = \alpha + Bi \quad \bar{\lambda} = \alpha - Bi$$

general solution: $\vec{y}(t) = e^{\alpha t} [C_1 (\cos \beta t \vec{v}_1 - \sin \beta t \vec{v}_2) + C_2 (\sin \beta t \vec{v}_1 + \cos \beta t \vec{v}_2)]$

terms in bracket have period $T = \frac{2\pi}{|\beta|}$

factory in bracket have parametric ellipses w/ center at origin

$e^{\alpha t} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ bc α is negative.

All solution curves spiral to equilibrium/ origin, hence the name spiral sink. [All solutions are stable]

Ex: $\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$

$\alpha < 0$, spiral sink

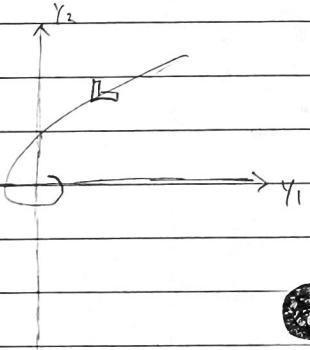
$$\lambda = -1 + 2i, \bar{\lambda} = -1 - 2i$$



$$\beta = 2$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1-i \end{pmatrix}$$



Spiral Source: Real part of complex eigenvalue positive ($\alpha > 0$)

$$\lambda = \alpha + Bi \quad \bar{\lambda} = \alpha - Bi$$

$e^{\alpha t} \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

Amplitude of oscillation increases as solutions spiral about the origin - hence the name spiral source

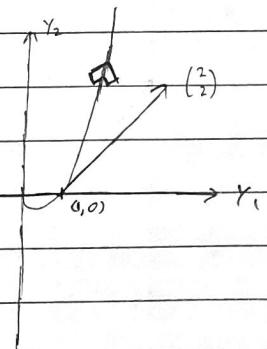
Ex: $\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$

$$\lambda = 1+i, \bar{\lambda} = 1-i$$

$\alpha > 0$, spiral source

$$\beta = 1$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi$$



To determine direction of rotation for planar system w/ complex eigenvalues compute 1 vector in vector field using RHS of $\vec{y}' = \lambda \vec{y}$

$$\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y} \quad \lambda = 1+i, \bar{\lambda} = 1-i$$

compute a vector at a point (0) :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

spiral source

sketch vector $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \end{pmatrix}$ at point (0) , rotation is counter clockwise

general:

matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ w/ complex conjugate eigenvalues,
compute vector field at $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{pmatrix}$$

- if $a_{21} > 0$, rotation is counterclockwise & vector points to upper-half plane
- if $a_{21} < 0$, vector points to lower-half plane, rotation is clockwise

9.4 The Trace-Determinant Plane

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

Eigenvalues & trace-determinant pairs:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{T \pm \sqrt{T^2 - 4D}}{2}$$

$$T = \text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22}$$

$$D = \det(A) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

Fundamental Thm:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} T &= \text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \\ D &= \det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \end{aligned}}$$

Classification of Equilibrium:

trace-determinant plane: coordinate plane w/ coordinates T & D

