

# Practice Problems on Phase Portraits

1) Discuss the nature of the general solution of linear system in a neighborhood of (0,0)

$$\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

2) Discuss the nature of the general solution of linear system in a neighborhood of (0,0)

$$\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

3) Discuss the nature of the general solution of linear system in a neighborhood of (0,0), and plot the solution that satisfies  $\mathbf{X}(0) = (1,1)$

$$\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

For each of the following linear systems find general solution, classify the origin of the system . Also produce the phase portrait

4.  $x' = 2x + 2y; y' = 5x - y$

5.  $x' = x - 2y; y' = x + y$

6.  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1) \quad x' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 5 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm 2i$$

$$(i) \quad \lambda_1 = \pm 2i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1-2i & 5 \\ -1 & 1-2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} (-1-2i)x + 5y &= 0 \\ 5y &= (1+2i)x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } x = 5$$

$$y = (1+2i)$$

$$\therefore k_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1+2i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_1 = \text{Re}(k_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \text{Im}(k_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos 2t - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \sin 2t \right] e^{0t} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cos 2t \\ \cos 2t - 2 \sin 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cos 2t + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \sin 2t \right] e^{0t} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \sin 2t \\ 2 \cos 2t + \sin 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cos 2t \\ \cos 2t - 2 \sin 2t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \sin 2t \\ 2 \cos 2t + \sin 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{since, } x' = -x + 5y$$

$$y' = -x + y$$

critical point is

$$-x + 5y = 0, \quad -x + y = 0$$

$\therefore (0,0)$  is a critical point.

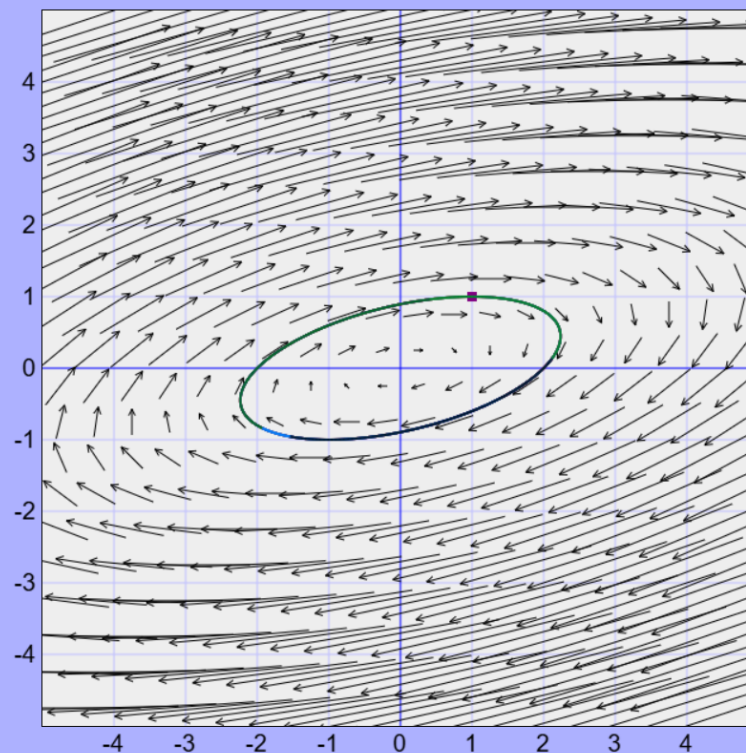
since Eigen values are purely imaginary, all

solutions are periodic with period  $P = \pi$ , and

all solutions are ellipses with centered at the

origin.

The critical point  $(0,0)$  is called center.



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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \pm i$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1+i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-1-i & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-1-i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -i & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -xi - y = 0 \\ x - iy = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_1 = \text{Re}(x_1), \quad B_2 = \text{Im}(x_1)$$

$$x_1 = \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cos t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \sin t \right] e^t = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

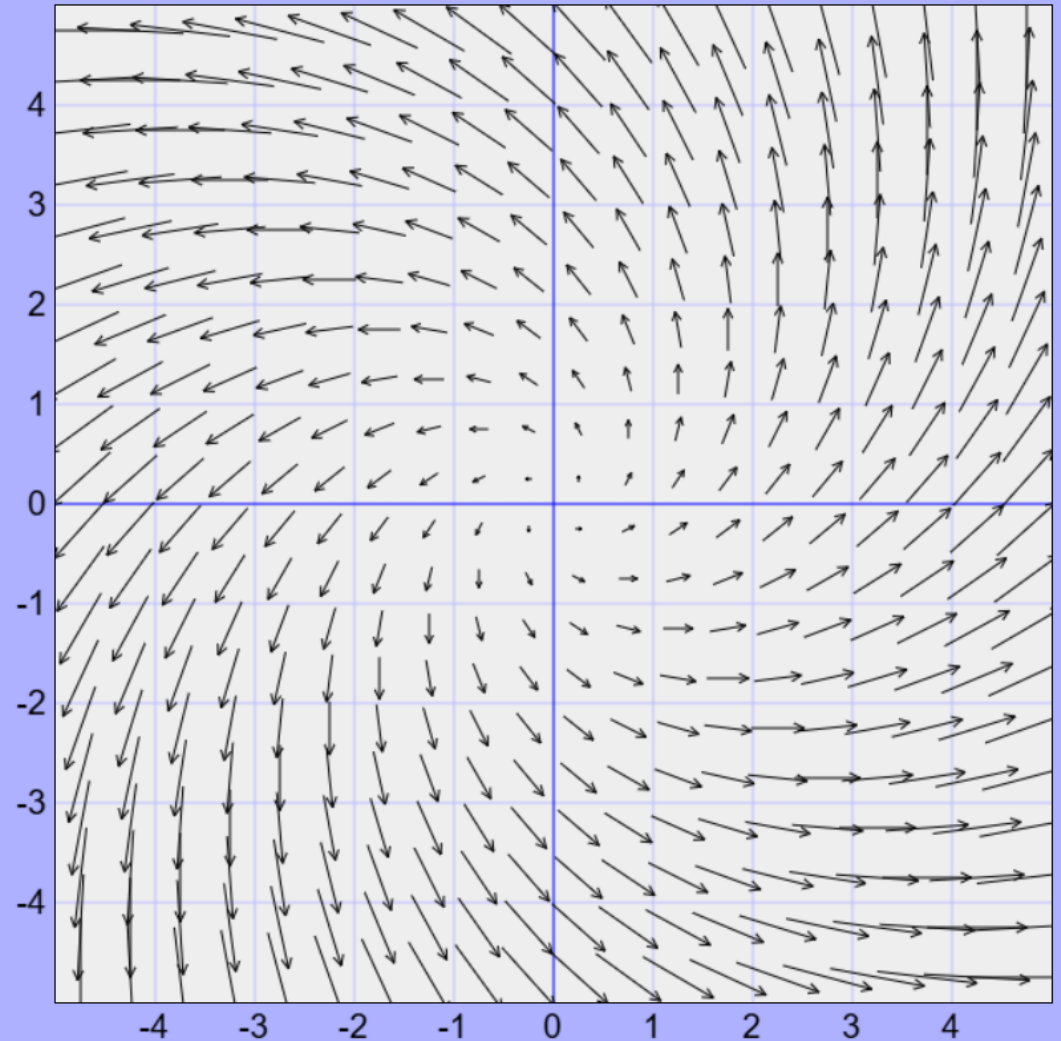
$$x_2 = \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cos t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sin t \right] e^t = \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ -\cos t \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

$$x = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ -\cos t \end{bmatrix} \right\} e^t$$

Since  $\alpha > 0$ , as  $t$  increases  $e^t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\therefore$  An elliptical like solution is driven farther and farther from the origin, and the critical point is called as "unstable spiral point".

$$\begin{cases} x-y=0 \\ x+y=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (0,0) \text{ is critical point.}$$



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$$3) \quad x' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 3 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$(i) \lambda_1 = 1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - (3 \times R_1)} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{let } y = \alpha \\ \therefore x = \alpha$$

$$k_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(ii) \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{let } y = \alpha \\ \therefore x = \frac{y}{3}$$

$$k_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{given } x(0) = (1, 1)$$

$$\therefore c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$c_1 + 3c_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

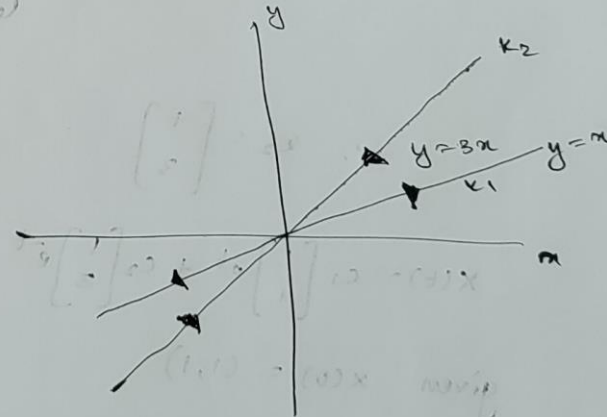
$$\text{since, } x' = 2x - y$$

$$y' = 3x - 2y$$

$$2x - y = 0, \quad 3x - 2y = 0$$

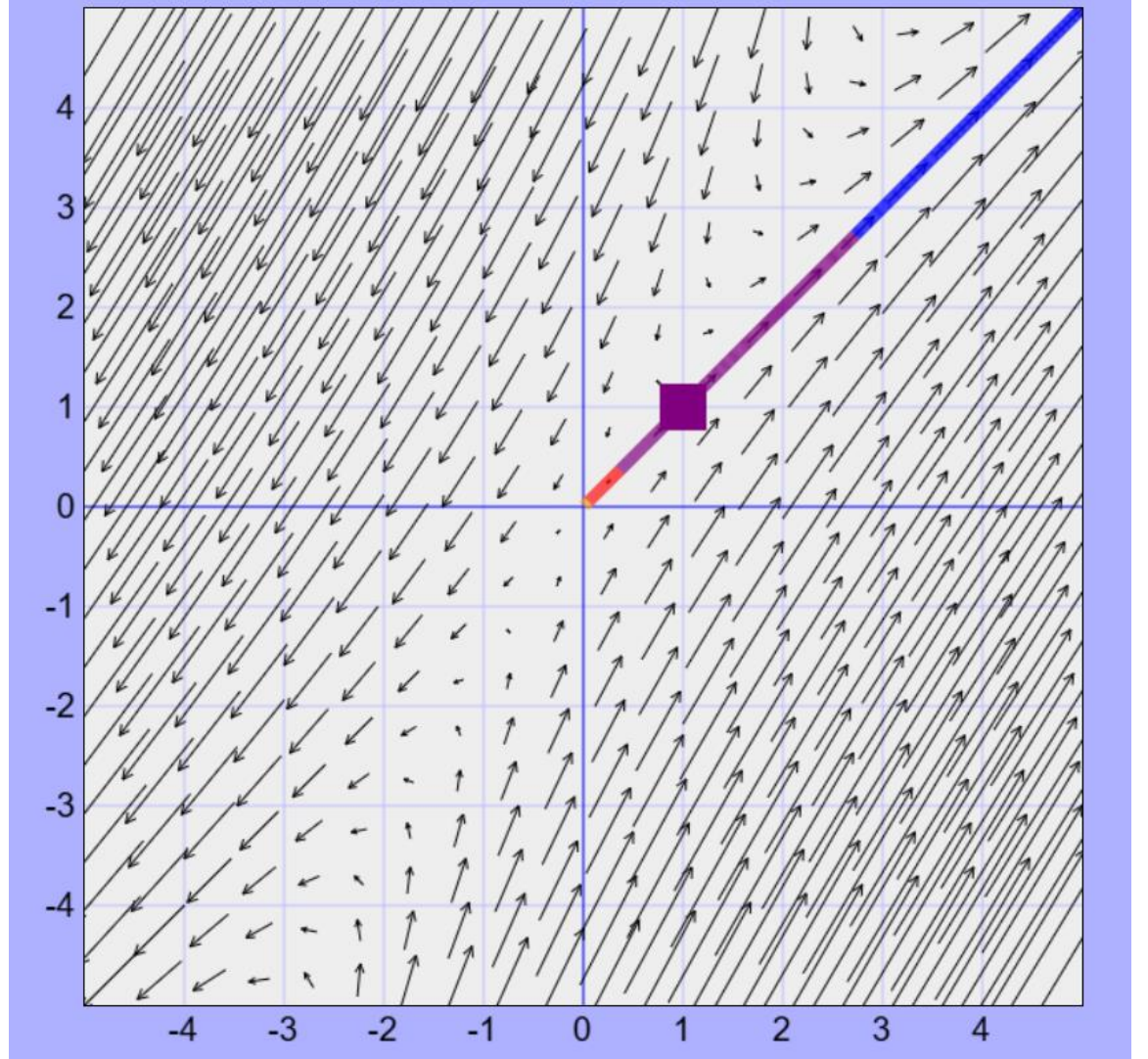
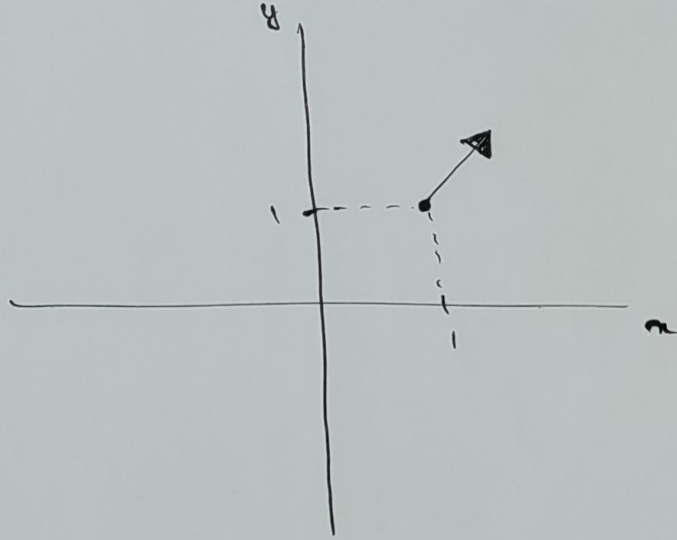
$\therefore (0, 0)$  is critical point.

if both  $e^t$ ,  $e^{-t}$  sustains than as  $t$  increases  $e^t$  becomes unbounded and  $e^{-t}$  reaches zero. Therefore particle in the direction of  $k_1$  moves away from origin, particle in the direction of  $k_2$  moves towards the origin.





initial condition is  $x(0) = (1, 1)$  on  $y = x$  line, therefore moves away from origin.



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4. For each of the following linear systems find general solution, classify the origin of the system . Also produce the phase portrait

$$x' = 2x + 2y; y' = 5x - y$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding the eigen values.

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 5 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda - 12 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 4) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -3, \lambda = 4$$

Now finding eigen vectors for  $\lambda = -3$ .

$$(A + 3I)v = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

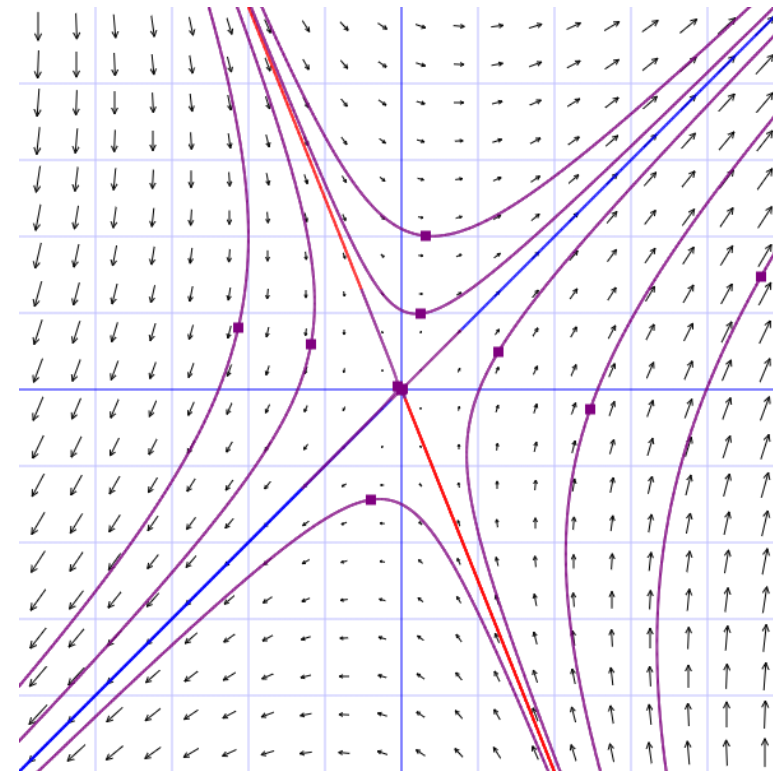
$$v = \begin{bmatrix} -2/5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda = 4$   $(A - 4I)v = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -2/5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t}$$

Saddle pt. at origin





$$5. x' = x - 2y; \quad y' = x + y$$

$$x' = x - 2y$$

$$y' = x + y$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding the eigen values.  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 3$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1 - \sqrt{2}i$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1 + \sqrt{2}i$$

Eigen vectors:  $(A - \lambda_1 I)v = 0.$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}i & -2 \\ 1 & \sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2}i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2$   $(A - \lambda_2 I)v = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}i & -2 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  be an eigen value with  $\alpha \neq 0$  & eigen vectors  $U + iV$

General solution is.

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{\alpha t} [U \cos \beta t - V \sin \beta t] + C_2 e^{\alpha t} [U \sin \beta t + V \cos \beta t]$$

If  $\alpha < 0$   $x(t)$  decreases to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$\Rightarrow$  Spiral inward (Spiral sink)

If  $\alpha > 0$   $x(t)$  spiral outwards.

Origin  $\rightarrow$  Spiral source.

$$\lambda_1 = 1 - \sqrt{2}i$$

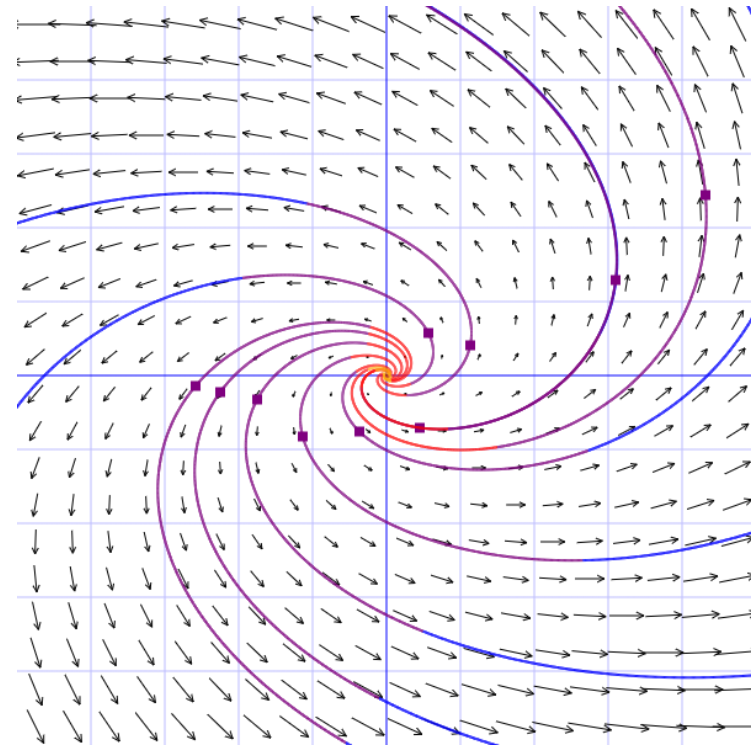
$$\lambda_2 = 1 + \sqrt{2}i$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} u \cos \sqrt{2}t - v \sin(\sqrt{2}t) \\ + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} u \sin \sqrt{2}t + v \cos(\sqrt{2}t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Spiral out from origin



6. Find the general solution, classify the origin of the system  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$  for the given coefficient matrix. Also produce the phase portrait

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen values  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -5 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$= -1 + \lambda - \lambda + \lambda^2 + 5 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 4 = 0$$
$$\lambda = \pm 2i$$

$\lambda = \alpha \pm i\beta$  Eigen vectors  $(u + iV)$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = C_1 e^{\alpha t} [u \cos \beta t - V \sin \beta t] + C_2 e^{\alpha t} [u \sin \beta t + V \cos \beta t]$$

$\alpha > 0$  Spirals outward from origin.

$\alpha < 0$  length of  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  reduces to zero.

$\alpha = 0$  Closed curve with origin.

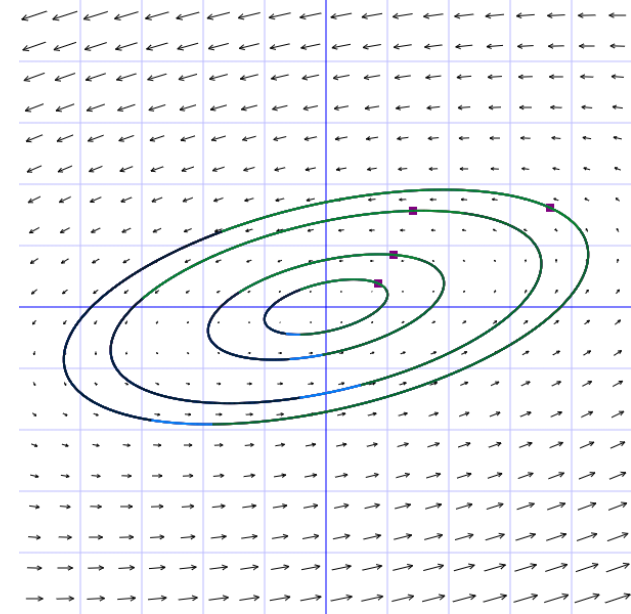
The origin is a center

Eigen vectors :  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1-2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda=2i$   $\lambda=-2i$

The general solution is

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



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