

# 11/18 - Phase Plane Portraits (cont.)

case 2: complex eigenvalues  $\lambda = \alpha \pm \beta i$

center  
 $\alpha = 0$

spiral source  
 $\alpha > 0$

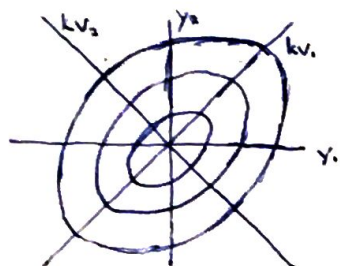
spiral sink  
 $\alpha < 0$

suppose  $\vec{w}$  eigenvector corresponds to  $\lambda = \alpha + \beta i$   
 $\vec{w} = \vec{v}_1 + i\vec{v}_2$

then  $y(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t \vec{v}_1 - \sin \beta t \vec{v}_2) + c_2 e^{\alpha t} i (\sin \beta t \vec{v}_1 + \cos \beta t \vec{v}_2)$

center  
 $\alpha = 0$

$\|\vec{v}_1\| > \|\vec{v}_2\|$



direction of solutions  
check  $y'(t)$  at  $(1,0)$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

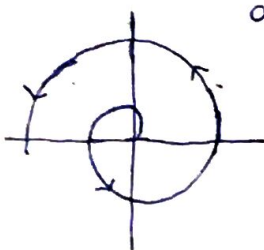
when  $a_{21} > 0$ , counterclockwise

when  $a_{21} < 0$ , clockwise

note, length of ellipse  
depends on magnitude  
of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$

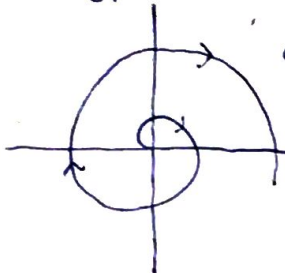
spiral source  
 $\alpha > 0$

$a_{21} > 0$



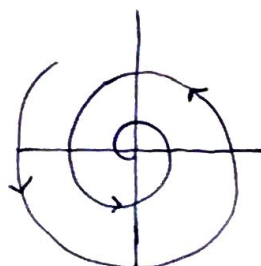
or

$a_{21} < 0$



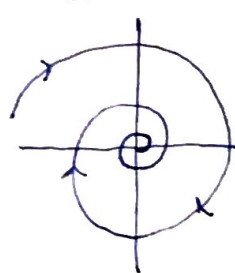
spiral sink  
 $\alpha < 0$

$a_{21} > 0$



or

$a_{21} < 0$



case 3: repeated root (not required)

case 4: degenerate case

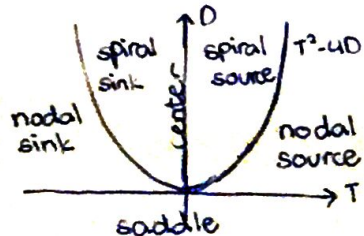
at least one eigenvalue is 0

(not required)

Trace Det Plane

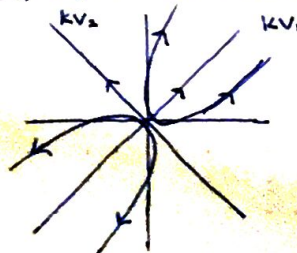
(T, D)

$\downarrow \det(A)$   
 $\downarrow \text{tr}(A)$



ex:  $\lambda_1 = 2$   $\vec{v}_1 = [1, 1]^T$   
 $\lambda_2 = 1$   $\vec{v}_2 = [-1, 1]^T$

$\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$  so nodal source



$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2|$   
so follow  $\vec{v}_1$

ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \pm i \Rightarrow \alpha > 0$

$a_{21} = 2 > 0$  so  $\odot$

