# **Chapter 4** Systems of Differential Equations,

## Phase Plane, Qualitative Methods

4.0 Introduction: Vectors, Matrices, Eigenvalues

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{row}$$

column

diagonal

**A**: n x n matrix,  $a_{11}, a_{12} \dots$ : entries

**% column vector** with n components

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

**\* row vector** with n components

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

**\*** equality

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$  if and only if  $a_{11} = b_{11}$ ,  $a_{12} = b_{12}$ ,  $a_{21} = b_{21}$ ,  $a_{22} = b_{22}$ 

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad v_1 = x_1 \\ v_2 = x_2$$

**\*** addition

$$\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & a_{12} + b_{12} \\ a_{21} + b_{21} & a_{22} + b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

**\*** scalar multiplication

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad -7\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -63 & -21 \\ 14 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**\*** matrix multiplication

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{jk} \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{jk} \end{bmatrix}$  are  $n \times n$  matrix, if  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}$ 

then 
$$\mathbf{C} = [c_{jk}], \quad c_{jk} = \sum_{m=1}^{n} a_{jm} b_{mk} \quad \begin{array}{l} j = 1, 2, \dots n \\ k = 1, 2, \dots n \end{array}$$

example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 & 9 \cdot (-4) + 3 \cdot 5 \\ -2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 & (-2) \cdot (-4) + 0 \cdot 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -21 \\ -2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Caution: Matrix multiplication is not commutative,  $AB \neq BA$ 

**\*** differentiation

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{y'}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1'(t) \\ y_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{-2t} \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

**\*** transposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{A^T} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{n1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **X** Inverse of a mayrix

unit matrix of 3x3: 
$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For a given  $n \times n$  matrix **A** there is an  $n \times n$  matrix **B** such that  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ , then **A** is called nonsingular and **B** is called inverse of **A** 

And is denoted by  $A^{-1}$ 

$$\implies \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$$

If A has no inverse, it is called singular.

Example: n = 2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \mathbf{A}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\det \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

### \* system of differential eqs. as vector equations

$$y_1' = a_{11}y_1 + a_{12}y_2$$

$$y_2' = a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
If

## **%** Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

Let  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{jk}]$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix

Consider 
$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$$
,  $\lambda$ : a scalar (1)

If a scalar  $\lambda$  such that (1) holds for some  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ 

$$\lambda$$
: eigenvalue of A, x: eigenvector of A

(1) 
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{x} = 0$$
 or  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{x} = 0$ 

for a non-zero solution  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , the determinant of the coefficient matrix

 $\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}$  must be zero. i.e.,

 $\det (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \rightarrow \text{characteristic determinant of } \mathbf{A}$ 

for 
$$n = 2$$
 det  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) =$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})\lambda + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) = 0$$

characteristic equation of **A**, solutions are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  substitute into (1) can obtain the corresponding eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ .

Example: 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -4.0 & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic equation:

$$\det (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} -4 - \lambda & 4 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 2.8\lambda + 1.6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\lambda_1 = -2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -0.8$ 

for 
$$\lambda_1 = -2$$
,  $\rightarrow$   $(AX - \lambda_1 X) = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
 (-4.0 + 2.0)  $x_1 + 4.0x_2 = 0$   $\Rightarrow x_1 = 2, x_2 = 1$ 

also the same for  $-1.6 x_1 + (1.2 + 2.0)x_2 = 0$ 

The eigenvector of **A** corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = -2$  is

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Similarly for 
$$\lambda_2 = -0.8 \implies (\mathbf{AX} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(-4.0 + 0.8) x_1 + 4.0 x_2 = 0}{-1.6 x_1 + (1.2 + 0.8) x_2 = 0}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 4.1 Introductory Examples

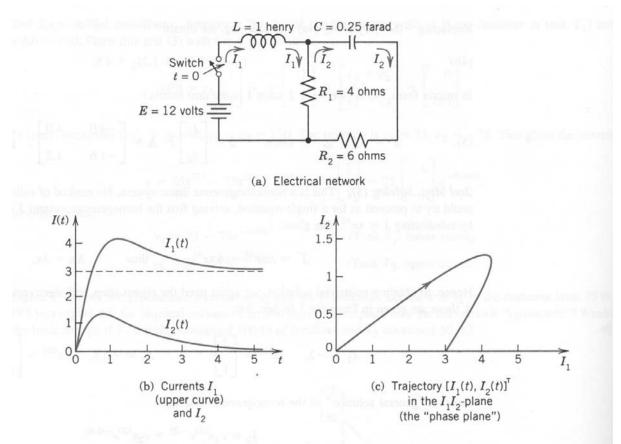


Fig. 76. Electrical network and currents in Example 2

Find the currents  $I_1(t)$  and  $I_2(t)$  in the network. Assuming that all charges and currents are zero at t = 0, the instant when the switch is closed.

Solve: by Kirchhoff's voltage law

Left loop: 
$$I_1' + 4(I_1 - I_2) = 12$$
 (1)

Right loop: 
$$6I_2 + 4(I_2 - I_1) + 4 \int I_2 dt = 0$$
 (2)

$$(1) \implies I_1' = -4I_1 + 4I_2 + 12 \tag{3}$$

$$\frac{d(2)}{dt} / 10 \implies I_2' - 0.4 I_1' + 0.4 I_2 = 0 \tag{4}$$

(3) in (4) 
$$\Rightarrow I_2' = -1.6I_1 + 1.2I_2 + 4.8$$
 (5)

$$(3)\&(5) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} -4.0 & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 12.0 \\ 4.8 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{J}' = \mathbf{AJ} + \mathbf{g} \tag{6}$$

First consider the **homogeneous** equation ( **homogeneous solution** )

by substituting  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{x} \ e^{\lambda t}$ ,  $\mathbf{J}' = \lambda \ \mathbf{x} \ e^{\lambda t} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \ e^{\lambda t}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \ \mathbf{x}$  the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are

$$\lambda_1 = -2$$
,  $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $\lambda_2 = -0.8$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$ 

General solution for the **homogeneous** equation is

$$\mathbf{J}_{h} = c_{1} \mathbf{x}^{(1)} e^{-2t} + c_{2} \mathbf{x}^{(2)} e^{-0.8t}$$

#### particular solution:

since **g** is constant  $\rightarrow$  try particular solution  $\mathbf{J}_p = \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

(6) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 **Aa** + **g** = **0**, in components,

$$\begin{array}{l} -4.0 \ a_1 + 4.0 \ a_2 + 12.0 = 0 \\ -1.6 \ a_1 + 1.2 \ a_2 + 4.8 = 0 \end{array} \implies a_1 = 3, \ a_2 = 0$$

the general solution is

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_{h} + \mathbf{J}_{p} = c_{1}\mathbf{x}^{(1)} e^{-2t} + c_{2}\mathbf{x}^{(2)} e^{-0.8t} + \mathbf{a}$$

in components:  $I_1 = 2c_1e^{-2t} + c_2e^{-0.8t} + 3$  $I_2 = c_1e^{-2t} + 0.8c_2e^{-0.8t}$ 

I.C. 
$$I_1(0) = 2c_1 + c_2 + 3 = 0 I_2(0) = c_1 + 0.8c_2 = 0$$
  $c_1 = -4, c_2 = 5$ 

The solution is  $I_1 = -8e^{-2t} + 5e^{-0.8t} + 3$  $I_2 = -4e^{-2t} + 4e^{-0.8t}$ 

# $\divideontimes$ Conversion of an nth order differential equation to a system of $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ order differential equation

An nth order differential equation

$$y^{(n)} = F(t, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$$

can always be reduced to a system of n first order differential equations by setting

$$y_1 = y$$
,  $y_2 = y'$ ,  $y_3 = y''$ , ...,  $y_n = y^{(n-1)}$ 

then obtains

$$y_1' = y_2$$
  
 $y_2' = y_3$   
 $y_3' = y_4$   
 $\vdots$   
 $y'_{n-1} = y_n$   
 $y_n' = F(t, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ 

Example: mass on a spring

$$y'' + \frac{c}{m}y' + \frac{k}{m}y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = -\frac{k}{m} y_1 - \frac{c}{m} y_2 \end{cases}, \quad \text{set } \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

then 
$$\mathbf{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

the characteristic equation is

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

assume that m=1, c=2, and k=0.75. then  $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 0.75 = 0$  this give the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -0.5$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1.5$ 

Eigenvectors are 
$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix}$   
The solution is  $\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.5t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix} e^{-1.5t}$ 

First component is the expect solution

$$y = y_1 = 2c_1e^{-0.5t} + c_2e^{-1.5t}$$

# 4.2 Basic concepts and Theory consider first order systems( more general system)

$$y_{1}' = f_{1}(t, y_{1}, y_{2}, \dots, y_{n})$$

$$y_{2}' = f_{2}(t, y_{1}, y_{2}, \dots, y_{n})$$

$$y_{3}' = f_{3}(t, y_{1}, y_{2}, \dots, y_{n})$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y_{n}' = f_{n}(t, y_{1}, y_{2}, \dots, y_{n})$$
(1)

in matrix form y' = f(t, y)

where 
$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$
;  $\mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}$ 

initial conditions:  $y_1(t_0) = K_1$ ,  $y_2(t_0) = K_2$ , ...,  $y_n(t_0) = K_n$  (2) (1)&(2): initial value problem

Theorem: Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  in (1) be continuous functions having continuous

partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_n}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial y_n}$  in some domain R of

 $ty_1y_2\cdots y_n$  -space containing the point  $(t_0,K_1,K_2\cdots,K_n)$ .

Then (1) has a solution on some interval  $t_0 - \alpha < t < t_0 + \alpha$  satisfying (2), and this solution is unique.

#### **%** Linear systems:

$$y_{1}' = a_{11}(t)y_{1} + a_{12}(t) y_{2} + \dots + a_{1n}(t) y_{n} + g_{1}(t)$$
extending (1)
$$y_{2}' = a_{21}(t)y_{1} + a_{22}(t) y_{2} + \dots + a_{2n}(t) y_{n} + g_{2}(t)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y_{n}' = a_{n1}(t)y_{1} + a_{n2}(t) y_{2} + \dots + a_{nn}(t) y_{n} + g_{n}(t)$$
in matrix form:  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}$  (3)

where 
$$\mathbf{A} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$
;  $\mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ \dots \\ g_n \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$$
 homogeneous equation  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  (4)

 $\mathbf{g} \neq \mathbf{0}$  non-homogeneous equation  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}$ 

Theorem: If  $\mathbf{y}^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{y}^{(2)}$  are solutions of the homogeneous linear system (4) on some interval, so is any linear combination  $\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{y}^{(1)} + c_2 \mathbf{y}^{(2)}$ 

#### **※** General solution:

If  $\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$  are independent solutions of  $(4) \to \mathbf{basis}$ In matrix form  $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}^{(1)} \ \mathbf{y}^{(2)} \cdots \mathbf{y}^{(n)}]$ : **fundamental matrix** Linear combination of basis

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{y}^{(1)} + c_2 \mathbf{y}^{(2)} + \dots + c_n \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$  general solution of (4)

determinant of **Y** is called **Wronskian** of  $\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$ 

$$W(\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)}) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1^{(1)} & y_1^{(2)} & \cdots & y_1^{(n)} \\ y_2^{(1)} & y_2^{(2)} & \cdots & y_2^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ y_n^{(1)} & y_n^{(2)} & \cdots & y_n^{(n)} \end{vmatrix}$$

4.3\_0 Homogeneous linear systems with constant Coefficients Consider the homogeneous system:

Assume the solution of (1) has the form:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}e^{\lambda t} - - - - (2)$$
(2) into (1)  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x} - - - - (3)$ 

Thus the solutions of (1) are given by (2), in which  $\lambda$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of (3).

(I) Distinct real eigenvalues

When  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are n distinct real eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are their corresponding eigenvectors.

then the general solution of (1) is:

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \mathbf{x}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \dots + c_n \mathbf{x}_n e^{\lambda_n t}$$

Where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are arbitrary constants

Ex. 
$$y'_1 = 2y_1 + 3y_2$$
  
 $y'_2 = 2y_1 + y_2$   
 $\therefore$   $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda_2 = -1$   
 $\lambda_2 = 4$   $\rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\therefore$   $\mathbf{y} == c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t}$ 

## (II) Complex eigenvalues

When **A** is real, suppose  $\lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ ;  $\mathbf{x}_1$  is the complex eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector of **A**.

Then  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}$ ;  $\mathbf{y}_2 = \overline{\mathbf{x}}_1 e^{\overline{\lambda}_1 t}$  are solutions of (1) where  $\overline{\lambda}_1, \overline{\mathbf{x}}_1$  is the complex conjugate of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1$ .

Let 
$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v}$$
;  $i.e.$   $\mathbf{u} = \text{Re}(\mathbf{x}_1)$ ;  $\mathbf{v} = \text{Im}(\mathbf{x}_1)$ 

then

$$\mathbf{y}_{1} = \mathbf{x}_{1}e^{\lambda_{1}t} = (\mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v})e^{(\alpha + i\beta)t} = e^{\alpha t}(\mathbf{u} + i\mathbf{v})(\cos\beta t + i\sin\beta t)$$
$$= e^{\alpha t}\{(\mathbf{u}\cos\beta t - \mathbf{v}\sin\beta t) + i(\mathbf{u}\sin\beta t + \mathbf{v}\cos\beta t)\}$$

also

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = e^{\alpha t} \left\{ (\mathbf{u} \cos \beta t - \mathbf{v} \sin \beta t) - i (\mathbf{u} \sin \beta t + \mathbf{v} \cos \beta t) \right\}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2)$ ;  $\frac{1}{2i}(\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2)$  are also solutions of the

homogeneous equation y' = Ay.

The real form solution of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = \alpha \pm i\beta$ 

are: 
$$\mathbf{y}_1 = e^{\alpha t} (\mathbf{u} \cos \beta t - \mathbf{v} \sin \beta t)$$
$$\mathbf{y}_2 = e^{\alpha t} (\mathbf{u} \sin \beta t + \mathbf{v} \cos \beta t)$$

Ex. 
$$y'_1 = y_1 + 2y_2$$
  
 $y'_2 = -0.5y_1 + y_2$   $----(i)$   
 $\therefore \mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} 1 & 2 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm i \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{cases} 2 \\ i \end{cases}$   
*i.e.*  $\alpha = 1$ ;  $\beta = 1$ ;  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{cases} 2 \\ 0 \end{cases}$ ;  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\mathbf{y}_{1} = e^{\alpha t} \left( \mathbf{u} \cos \beta t - \mathbf{v} \sin \beta t \right) = e^{t} \left( \begin{cases} 2 \\ 0 \end{cases} \cos t - \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \sin t \right) = e^{t} \begin{cases} 2 \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{2} = e^{\alpha t} \left( \mathbf{u} \sin \beta t + \mathbf{v} \cos \beta t \right) = e^{t} \left( \begin{cases} 2 \\ 0 \end{cases} \sin t + \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \cos t \right) = e^{t} \begin{cases} 2 \sin t \\ \cos t \end{cases}$$

The general solution of Eq.(i) is:

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{y}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \begin{cases} 2\cos t \\ -\sin t \end{cases} + c_2 \begin{cases} 2\sin t \\ \cos t \end{cases} \end{bmatrix} e^t$$

(III) Repeated eigenvalues

Suppose  $\lambda_1$  is a repeated eigenvalues (of multiplicity m) of **A**:

(i) If we can find m independent corresponding eigenvectors

 $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \cdots \mathbf{x}_m$ , the linearly independent solutions corresponding to  $\lambda_1$  are:

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}; \ \mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 e^{\lambda_1 t}; \dots; \ \mathbf{y}_m = \mathbf{x}_m e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

(ii) If there is only one eigenvector, i.e.  $\mathbf{x}_1$  corresponding to the repeated eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ , the linearly independent solutions are :

$$\mathbf{y}_{1} = \mathbf{x}_{1}e^{\lambda_{1}t};$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{2} = \left\{t \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1} + \mathbf{x}_{2}\right\}e^{\lambda_{1}t};$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{3} = \left\{\frac{1}{2!}t^{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1} + t \cdot \mathbf{x}_{2} + \mathbf{x}_{3}\right\}e^{\lambda_{1}t};$$

$$\dots \dots;$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{m} = \left\{\frac{1}{(m-1)!}t^{m-1} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1} + \dots + t \cdot \mathbf{x}_{m-1} + \mathbf{x}_{m}\right\}e^{\lambda_{1}t}$$

Where  $\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots \mathbf{x}_m$  can be obtained by substituting  $\mathbf{y}_i$   $(i=2\sim m)$  into the equation:  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1' &= y_1 - 2y_2 + 2y_3 \\
\mathbf{Ex.} \quad y_2' &= -2y_1 + y_2 - 2y_3 \\
y_3' &= 2y_1 - 2y_2 + y_3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = -1 \text{ (multiplicity 2); } \lambda_3 = 5$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}; \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{cases}$$
 (two indep. eig. vectors.), 
$$\mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{cases}$$

The general solution is:  $\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{5t}$ 

Ex. 
$$y_1' = 4y_1 + y_2 \ y_2' = -y_1 + 2y_2$$
 ----(*i*)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = 3$$
 (multiplicity 2);  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \end{cases}$ ; (only one eigenvector)

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \end{cases} e^{3t}$$

let 
$$\mathbf{y}_2 = (t \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2)e^{\lambda_1 t} - - - - (ii)$$

Eq.(ii) into Eq.(I) $\rightarrow$ 

$$\mathbf{x}_{1}e^{\lambda_{1}t} + \lambda_{1}(t \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1} + \mathbf{x}_{2})e^{\lambda_{1}t} = \mathbf{A}(t \cdot \mathbf{x}_{1} + \mathbf{x}_{2})e^{\lambda_{1}t}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_{1}\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}_{2} = \mathbf{x}_{1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{x}_{2} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{ we may take } \mathbf{x}_{2} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

the general solution of Eq.(i) is:

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{y} + c_2 \mathbf{y}_2 = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 (t \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

$$= c_1 \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \end{cases} e^{3t} + c_2 (t \cdot \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \end{cases} + \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}) e^{3t}$$

Note: in this example:  $\therefore \lambda = 3$  has multiplicity 2, but only one

eigenvector, we may set: 
$$y_1 = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t}$$
$$y_2 = c_3 e^{3t} + c_4 t e^{3t}$$
$$---(iii)$$

substitute (iii) into (i), then solve  $c_3, c_4$  in terms of  $c_1, c_2$ .

#### 4.3 Constant-coefficient systems. Phase plane method

for n=2, 
$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $y_1' = a_{11}y_1 + a_{12}y_2$   $y_2' = a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2$  solution is  $\mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$  (7)

plot (7) as a single curve in the  $y_1$   $y_2$ -plane  $\rightarrow$  **trajectory**  $y_1$   $y_2$ -plane : **phase plane phase plane** + **trajectory**  $\Longrightarrow$  **phase portrait** 

#### **%** Critical points

from (6) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d y_2}{d y_1} = \frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{y_2'}{dt} = \frac{a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2}{a_{11}y_1 + a_{12}y_2}$$
 (8)

This associates with every point  $P:(y_1,y_2)$  a unique tangent direction  $\frac{d\ y_2}{d\ y_1}$  of the trajectory passing through P, except for the

point P:(0,0), where the right side of (8) becomes  $\frac{0}{0}$ .

The point  $\frac{d y_2}{d y_1}$  becomes undetermined is called **critical point**.

Critical point: improper node, proper node, saddle point, center, spiral point

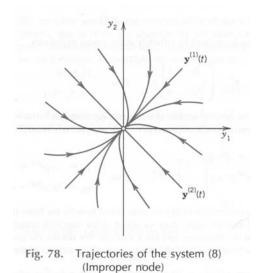
Example 1: (**improper nodes**) 
$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

thus
$$y_1' = -3y_1 + y_2$$
thus
$$y_2' = y_1 - 3y_2$$
Solve: set  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t}$  substitute into the equation
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x} \text{ , the characteristic equation is}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2 \quad \& \quad \lambda_2 = -4 \text{, the eigenvectors are}$$

$$\lambda_{1} = -2 \implies \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_{2} = -4 \implies \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
solution 
$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{1} \\ y_{2} \end{bmatrix} = c_{1}\mathbf{y}^{(1)} + c_{2}\mathbf{y}^{(2)} = c_{1}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_{2}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$$



An **improper node** is a critical point  $P_0$  at which all the trajectories, except for two of them, have the same limiting direction of the tangent. The two exceptional trajectories also have a limiting direction of the tangent at  $P_0$  which, however, is different.

Example 2:(**proper nodes**): A proper node is a critical point  $P_0$  at which every trajectory has a definite limiting direction and for any given direction d at  $P_0$  there is a trajectory having d as its limiting direction.

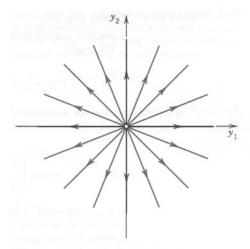


Fig. 79. Trajectories of the system (10) (Proper node)

$$\mathbf{y'} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \quad \text{thus} \quad \begin{aligned} y_1' &= y_1 \\ y_2' &= y_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{has a proper node at the}$$

origin because the general solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \quad or \quad \begin{aligned} y_1 &= c_1 e^t \\ y_2 &= c_2 e^t \end{aligned} \quad or \quad c_1 y_2 = c_2 y_1$$

Example 3:(saddle point): A saddle point is a critical point  $P_0$  at which there are two incoming trajectories, two outgoing trajectories, and all the other trajectories in a neighborhood of  $P_0$  by pass  $P_0$ .

$$\mathbf{y'} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \quad \text{thus} \quad \begin{aligned} y_1' &= y_1 \\ y_2' &= -y_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{has a saddle point at the}$$

origin because the general solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \quad or \quad \begin{aligned} y_1 &= c_1 e^t \\ y_2 &= c_2 e^{-t} \end{aligned} \quad or \quad y_1 y_2 = const.$$

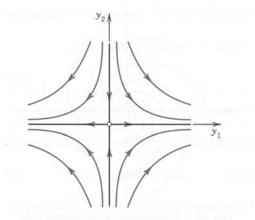


Fig. 80. Trajectories of the system (11) (Saddle point)

Example 4:(center): A center is a critical point that enclosed by infinitely many closed trajectories.

$$\mathbf{y'} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}, \text{ thus } \begin{aligned} y_1' &= y_2 \\ y_2' &= -4y_1 \end{aligned} \text{ has a center at the origin.}$$

Eigenvalues are  $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2i$  &  $\lambda_2 = -2i$ , the eigenvectors are

$$\lambda_{1} = 2i \implies \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $\lambda_{2} = -2i \implies \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{bmatrix}$ 

the general solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix} e^{2it} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{bmatrix} e^{-2it} \quad or \quad \begin{aligned} y_1 &= c_1 e^{2it} + c_2 e^{-2it} \\ y_2 &= 2c_1 e^{2it} - 2ic_2 e^{-2it} \end{aligned}$$
 (complex).

Need to transform to real. (section 2.3)

Another method: rewrite the eq. as  $y_1' = y_2$ ,  $4y_1 = -y_2'$ , then product the two equations  $4y_1y_1' = -y_2y_2'$  integration  $2y_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}y_2^2 = const$ . Center at the origin.

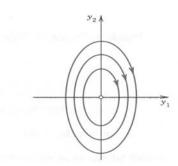


Fig. 81. Trajectories of the system (12) (Center)

Example 5:(**spiral point**): A center is a critical point  $P_0$  about which the trajectories spiral, approaching  $P_0$  as  $t \to \infty$ ( or tracing these spiral in the opposite sense, away from  $P_0$ .)

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \quad \text{thus} \quad \begin{aligned} y_1' &= -y_1 + y_2 & (a) \\ y_2' &= -y_1 - y_2 & (b) \end{aligned} \quad \text{has a spiral}$$

point at the origin.

Eigenvalues are  $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1 + i$  &  $\lambda_2 = -1 - i$ , the eigenvectors are

$$\lambda_1 = -1 + i \implies \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_2 = -1 - i \implies \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

the general solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1+i)t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1-i)t}$$
 complex.

Need to transform to real. (section 2.3)

Another method:  $(a) \times y_1 + (b) \times y_2 \Rightarrow y_1 y_1' + y_2 y_2' = -(y_1^2 + y_2^2)$  (c)

Introducing polar coordinates r, t where  $r^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$ 

(c) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(r^2)' = -r^2 \Rightarrow rr' = -r^2 \Rightarrow r' = -r$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln r = -t + \widetilde{c} \Rightarrow r = c e^{-t}$$
 a spiral.

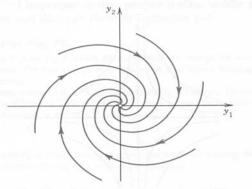


Fig. 82. Trajectories of the system (13) (Spiral point)

- 4.4 Criteria for critical points. Stability
- Stability analysis of linear system

$$\frac{d y_2}{d y_1} = \frac{dy_2/dt}{dy_1/dt} = \frac{y_2'}{y_1'} = \frac{a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2}{a_{11}y_1 + a_{12}y_2} = \frac{0}{0} \quad : \text{critical point}$$

Consider a linear system:

$$\mathbf{x'} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - - - - - (1)$$

where 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$
;  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ 

Assume  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0 \implies \mathbf{p}_0 = (0,0)$  is the only critical of (1)

since the eigenvalues of A is determined by:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11}^{-\lambda} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22}^{-\lambda} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

i.e.

$$\lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})\lambda + \det \mathbf{A} = 0 - - - - (2)$$

let

$$\begin{cases} p \equiv a_{11} + a_{22} & \text{called "the trace of } \mathbf{A}" \\ q \equiv \det \mathbf{A} \end{cases}$$

then  $(2) \rightarrow$ 

$$\lambda^2 - p\lambda + q = 0 - - - - (4)$$

If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are two eigenvalues of **A**, we have

$$(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) = 0$$

i.e.

$$\lambda^2 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)\lambda + \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 = 0 - - - - (5)$$

(4) and  $(5) \rightarrow$ 

$$\begin{cases} p = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \\ q = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \end{cases} \quad ----(6)$$

(I) When  $p^2 - 4q > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1; \lambda_2$  are real, the general solution of (1) has the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \mathbf{x}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

If 
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 < 0 & \& \lambda_2 < 0 \rightarrow \text{ Stable node } (p < 0 & \& q > 0) \\ \lambda_1 > 0 & \& \lambda_2 > 0 \rightarrow \text{ Unstable node } (p > 0 & \& q > 0) \end{cases}$$

$$If \begin{cases} \lambda_1 < 0 & \& \lambda_2 > 0 \\ \lambda_1 > 0 & \& \lambda_2 < 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow Saddle point (q < 0)$$

(II) When  $p^2 - 4q = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  repeated real eigenvalues, the general solution of (1) has the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 (t \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

If

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 < 0 \rightarrow \text{ Called the "degenerated stable node"} (p < 0 \& q > 0) \\ \lambda_1 > 0 \rightarrow \text{ Called the "degenerated unstable node"} (p > 0 \& q > 0) \end{cases}$$

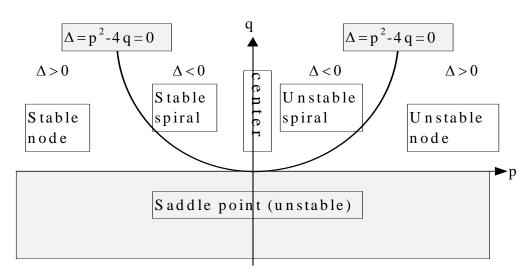
(III)When  $p^2 - 4q < 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$  complex conjugate, the general solution of (1) has the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = e^{\alpha \cdot t} \left( c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 e^{i\beta \cdot t} + c_2 \overline{\mathbf{x}}_1 e^{-i\beta \cdot t} \right)$$

If 
$$\begin{cases} \alpha < 0 \rightarrow \text{ Stable spiral point } (p < 0 \& q > 0) \\ \alpha > 0 \rightarrow \text{ Unstable spiral point } (p > 0 \& q > 0) \\ \alpha = 0 \rightarrow \text{ Center } (p = 0 \& q > 0) \end{cases}$$

#### **Summary:**

$$p \equiv \text{trace of } A; \quad q \equiv \det A; \quad \Delta \equiv p^2 - 4q;$$



Ex. 
$$\mathbf{x'} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$
;  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{cases}$ 

since  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  only  $p_0 = (0,0)$  is a critical point

∴ 
$$p = -2 < 0$$
;  $q = \det A = 2 > 0$ ;  $\Delta = p^2 - 4q = 4 - 8 = -4 < 0$   
→  $p_0 = (0,0)$  is a stable spiral point

# 4.5 Qualitative methods for nonlinear system Linearization and local stability

consider the nonlinear aut0nomous system

$$x' = F(x, y)$$
  
 $y' = G(x, y)$  ----(1)

If  $P_O = (x_O, y_O)$  is an isolated critical point of (1) i.e.

$$F(x_0, y_0) = 0; G(x_0, y_0) = 0 - - - - (2)$$

then, the Taylor's expansion of F(x,y) and G(x,y) at  $(x_O,y_O)$  becomes:

$$F(x,y) = \underbrace{F(x_{o}, y_{o})}_{0} + F_{X}(x_{o}, y_{o})(x - x_{o}) + F_{Y}(x_{o}, y_{o})(y - y_{o}) + \cdots$$

$$G(x,y) = \underbrace{G(x_{o}, y_{o})}_{0} + G_{X}(x_{o}, y_{o})(x - x_{o}) + G_{Y}(x_{o}, y_{o})(y - y_{o}) + \cdots$$

$$---(3)$$

where

$$\begin{split} F_{\chi}(x_{o}, y_{o}) &\equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(x_{o}, y_{o}) & F_{y}(x_{o}, y_{o}) \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}(x_{o}, y_{o}) \\ G_{\chi}(x_{o}, y_{o}) &\equiv \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}(x_{o}, y_{o}) & G_{y}(x_{o}, y_{o}) \equiv \frac{\partial G}{\partial y}(x_{o}, y_{o}) \end{split}$$

let

$$\begin{array}{ll}
a_{11} \equiv F_X(x_O, y_O) & a_{12} \equiv F_Y(x_O, y_O) \\
a_{21} \equiv G_X(x_O, y_O) & a_{22} \equiv G_X(x_O, y_O) \\
\end{array} \} ----(4)$$

Using (2),(3), we can linearize (1):

$$\begin{vmatrix} x' = a_{11}(x - x_o) + a_{12}(y - y_o) + P(x, y) \\ y' = a_{21}(x - x_o) + a_{22}(y - y_o) + Q(x, y) \end{vmatrix} - - - - - (5)$$

Where P(x,y), Q(x,y) are function of second order terms of  $(x-x_0)$  and/or  $(y-y_0)$ .

If we define a new coordinate:

$$\frac{\overline{x} = (x - x_O)}{\overline{y} = (y - y_O)} = -----(6)$$

(5) can be linearized as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \overline{x}' = a_{11}\overline{x} + a_{12}\overline{y} \\ \overline{y}' = a_{21}\overline{x} + a_{22}\overline{y} \end{bmatrix} -----(7)$$

It can be shown that the stability of the nonlinear system (1) at the critical point  $P_O = (x_O, y_O)$  is almost the same as the stability of the linearized system (7)at  $(\overline{x}, \overline{y}) = (0,0)$ , provided that:

$$P(\overline{x}, \overline{y}) \to 0$$
 and  $Q(\overline{x}, \overline{y}) \to 0$  as  $\lim_{x \to 0} \left\{ \overline{x} \to 0 - --(8) \right\}$ 

Therefore, the stability analysis of the critical point of a non-linear system can be carried out as following:

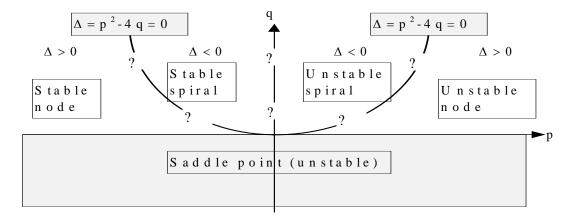
Given 
$$x' = \begin{cases} F(x,y) \\ G(x,y) \end{cases}$$

(i) Solve 
$$F(x,y) = 0$$
  $\rightarrow P_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  the critical point

(ii) Calculate 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix}_{(x_0, y_0)}$$
 the Jacobin matrix

(iii) Calculate : 
$$p = a_{1,1} + a_{1,2} \quad \text{trace of } \mathbf{A}; \qquad q = \det \mathbf{A}; \qquad \Delta = p^2 - 4q;$$

(iv) Determine the stability and the type of the critical point P<sub>O</sub> by the chart:



Note:

- (i) on  $\Delta = p^2 4q = 0$ ,  $P_0$  may be stable (p < 0) or unstable (p > 0) spiral, node, or degenerated node.
- (ii) on p=0 and q>0;  $P_0$  may be stable or unstable spiral, or stable center.

Ex. Find the critical points and determine the type of the

$$x' = y$$
  
 $y' = x^3 - x$  ----(1)

Sol

the critical points of (1) are: (0,0); (1,0); (-1,0);

$$\text{:: the Jacobin matrix } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_x & F_y \\ G_x & G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3x^2 - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) at critical point (0,0):

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow p = 0; \ q = 1;$$

 $\therefore$  (0,0) may be a stable spiral, center or unstable spiral.

(ii) at critical point (1,0)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow p = 0; \ q = -2;$$

 $\therefore$  (1,0) is a saddle point (unstable).

(iii) at critical point (-1,0)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\therefore$  (-1,0) is also a saddle point.

### • Phase-plane method

the linearization method, when successful, can provide information on the local behavior of the solution near a critical point. If it is not the case, or if we wish to obtain the global view of the solution, the nonlinear system may be analyzed by the phase-plane method:

Ex. Determine the nature of the solution of the following system near critical point (0,0).

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = x^3 - x \end{cases}$$
 ----(1)

Sol.: (1) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^3 - x}{y} \Rightarrow y \cdot dy = (x^3 - x) \cdot dx$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} + c$   
or  $y^2 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)^2 + c$  ----(2) c is arbitrary

constant

If a point  $(x_0,0)$ , assume  $0 < x_0 < 1$ 

substitute this point into (2), we have:

$$c = -\frac{1}{2}(x_0^2 - 1)^2$$

the behavior of the solution near  $(x_0,0)$  is:

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(x_0^2 - 1)^2 - \dots - (3)$$

- (i) when  $x = \pm x_0 \rightarrow y = 0$
- (ii) when  $|x| < x_0 \rightarrow y$  has two real values for every x.

therefore the solution of (1) is periodic near the point (0,0),

 $\rightarrow$  (0,0) is a center.

Ex. Lotka-Volterra Predator-Prey model

let x = the population of the Predator (say lynx 山貓)

y = the population of the Prey (say hare 野兔)

the first predator-prey model was constructed independently by A.

Lotka (1925) and V. Volterra (1926):

$$x' = -a \cdot x + b \cdot xy$$

$$y' = -c \cdot xy + d \cdot y$$

Where a, b, c, d are positive constants

Note:

- (i) when  $y = 0 \rightarrow x' < 0$  i.e.  $x = e^{-at} \rightarrow \text{extinct}$
- (ii) When  $x = 0 \rightarrow y' > 0$  i.e.  $y = e^{dt} \rightarrow Grows$  exponentially
- (iii)  $b \cdot xy; -c \cdot xy \rightarrow time rate change of x and y due to encounters.$

Set 
$$\begin{vmatrix} -a \cdot x + b \cdot xy = 0 \\ -c \cdot xy + d \cdot y = 0 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x(-a+b \cdot y) = 0 \\ y(-c \cdot x + d) = 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

... The critical points of (1) are (0,0) and  $(\frac{d}{c}, \frac{a}{b})$ 

The Jacobian matrix of (1) is 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} -a + by & bx \\ -cy & -cx + d \end{cases}$$

At (0,0);

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} -a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{cases} \Rightarrow p = -a + d; \ q = -ad < 0 \Rightarrow (0,0) \text{ is a saddle point}$$

At 
$$(\frac{d}{c}, \frac{a}{b})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} 0 & bd/c \\ -ac/b & 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = 0; \ \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{ad} > 0 \Rightarrow (\frac{\mathbf{d}}{c}, \frac{\mathbf{a}}{b}) \text{ may be stable or }$$

unstable spiral, or stable center.

It can be shown that  $(\frac{d}{c}, \frac{a}{b})$  is a center.

Ex. Van der Pol equation

$$y'' - \mu(1 - y^2)y' + y = 0$$
  $(\mu > 0 \text{ constant}) = ----(1)$ 

Note:

When  $\mu = 0$ ; (1)  $\rightarrow$  y" + y = 0  $\rightarrow$  harmonic oscillation.

When  $\mu > 0$ ;  $-\mu(1-y^2)$  becomes "negative damping" when y < 1 (i.e. small oscillation) and becomes "positive damping" when y > 1 (i.e. larger oscillation).

let  $V \equiv y'$  then  $(1) \rightarrow$ 

$$y' = V V' = \mu(1 - y^2)V - y$$
 ----(2)

(y,V)=(0,0) is the only critical point of (2)

The Jacobian matrix of (2) is  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2\mu y \mathbf{V} - 1 & \mu(1 - y^2) \end{bmatrix}$ 

At (y, V) = (0,0),

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{cases} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \mu \end{cases} \rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \mu > 0; \ \mathbf{q} = 1 > 0; \ \Delta = \mathbf{p}^2 - 4\mathbf{q} = \mu^2 - 4$$

When  $\mu = 0$  the critical point (0,0) is a center When  $\mu > 2$  the critical point (0,0) is an unstable node When  $\mu < 2$  the critical point (0,0) is an unstable spiral

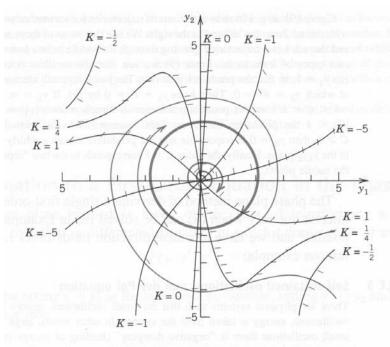


Fig. 92. Lineal element diagram for the van der Pol equation with  $\mu=0.1$  in the phase plane, showing also the limit cycle and two trajectories

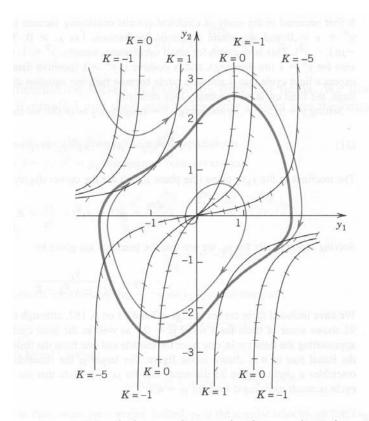


Fig. 93. Lineal element diagram for the van der Pol equation with  $\mu=1$  in the phase plane, showing also the limit cycle and two trajectories approaching it

#### 4.7 non-homogeneous linear systems

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g} \tag{1}$$

 $\mathbf{y}^{(h)}(t)$  is the general solution of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$  and

 $\mathbf{y}^{(p)}(t)$  is the particular solution of (1)

the **general solution** of (1) is  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^{(h)} + \mathbf{y}^{(p)}$ 

#### **\*** method of undetermined coefficients

Example: 
$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} + \begin{bmatrix} 2t^2 + 10t \\ t^2 + 9t + 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2)

solve: (a) homogeneous solution:

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} , \quad \text{try} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} \ e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \det \left( \mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} \right) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -4 \\ 1 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = -2, \ \lambda = 1$$
eigenvectors are  $\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda = -2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\mathbf{y}^{(h)}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

(b) particular solution:

the form of  $\mathbf{g}$  suggests to assume  $\mathbf{y}^{(p)}$  in the form

$$\mathbf{y}^{(p)}(t) = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} t + \mathbf{w} t^2$$

(2) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
  $\mathbf{v}t + 2\mathbf{w}t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}t + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}t^2 + \mathbf{g}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2w_1t \\ 2w_2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2u_1 - 4u_2 \\ u_1 - 3u_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2v_1 - 4v_2 \\ v_1 - 3v_2 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 2w_1 - 4w_2 \\ w_1 - 3w_2 \end{bmatrix} t^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 2t^2 + 10t \\ t^2 + 9t + 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

for 
$$t^2$$
 term:  $\Rightarrow w_1 = -1$ ,  $w_2 = 0$ 

for 
$$t$$
 term:  $\Rightarrow v_1 = 0$ ,  $v_2 = 3$ 

for constant term: 
$$\Rightarrow u_1 = 0$$
,  $u_2 = 0$ 

general solution: 
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^{(h)}(t) + \mathbf{y}^{(p)}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -t^2 \\ 3t \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Method of Variation of Parameters

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g} \tag{3}$$

if  $\mathbf{y}^{(h)}(t)$  is the general solution of the homogeneous system

$$\mathbf{y}^{(h)} = c_1 \mathbf{y}^{(1)} + c_2 \mathbf{y}^{(2)} + \dots + c_n \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$$
, rewrite as

$$\mathbf{y}^{(h)} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 y_1^{(1)} + c_2 y_1^{(2)} + \dots + c_n y_1^{(n)} \\ \vdots \\ c_1 y_n^{(1)} + c_2 y_n^{(2)} + \dots + c_n y_n^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(1)} & y_1^{(2)} \cdots y_1^{(n)} \\ \vdots \\ y_n^{(1)} & y_n^{(2)} \cdots y_n^{(n)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Y}(t)\mathbf{c}$$

 $\mathbf{Y}(t)$ : fundamental matrix

If we replace the constant vector  $\mathbf{c}$  by a variable vector  $\mathbf{u}(t)$ 

$$\mathbf{y}^{(p)} = \mathbf{Y}(t)\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow \mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{g},$$

since  $\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$  are homogeneous solutions

$$y^{(1)} = Ay^{(1)}, y^{(2)} = Ay^{(2)}, \dots, y^{(n)} = Ay^{(n)} \implies Y' = AY$$

hence 
$$\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{u} \implies \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{g} \implies \mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{Y}^{-1}\mathbf{g}$$

since **Y** is fundamental matrix  $\rightarrow$  **Y** is nonsingular, i.e. **Y**<sup>-1</sup> exists

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{Y}^{-1}(\tilde{t}) \, \mathbf{g}(\tilde{t}) \, d \, \tilde{t} + \mathbf{c}$$

for  $\mathbf{c} = 0$ , we get the particular solution

$$\mathbf{y}^{(p)} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Y} \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{Y}^{-1}(\tilde{t}) \, \mathbf{g}(\tilde{t}) \, d \, \tilde{t}$$

Example: 
$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} + \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$
 (4)

$$\mathbf{y}^{(h)}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$$
 (5)

#### A. method of undetermined coefficients

since  $\lambda = -2$  is a eigenvalue of **A**, we must assume

$$\mathbf{y}^{(p)} = \mathbf{u} \, t \, e^{-2t} + \mathbf{v} \, e^{-2t}$$

(5) 
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} \ e^{-2t} - 2\mathbf{u} \ t e^{-2t} - 2\mathbf{v} e^{-2t} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} \ t e^{-2t} + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} e^{-2t} + \mathbf{g}$$

for 
$$te^{-2t}$$
 term:  $\Rightarrow -2\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, a \neq 0$ 

for the other term:

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} + \begin{bmatrix} -6\\2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{I})\mathbf{v} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -6\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$-v_1 + v_2 = a + 6$$
$$v_1 - v_2 = a - 2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1\\1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1\\v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + 6\\a - 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

since  $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , for nontrivial solution of **v** 

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a+6 & 1 \\ a-2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & a+6 \\ 1 & a-2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

therefore a = -2, then  $\Rightarrow v_2 = v_1 + 4$ , say  $v_1 = k \Rightarrow v_2 = k + 4$ 

$$\therefore \mathbf{v} = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

choose k = 0

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^{(h)} + \mathbf{y}^{(p)} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

choose k = -2

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^{(h)} + \mathbf{y}^{(p)} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

#### **B.** Method of Variation of Parameters

From (5) and (6)

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}^{(1)} & \mathbf{y}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-4t} \\ e^{-2t} & -e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{Y}^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2e^{-6t}} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-4t} & -e^{-4t} \\ -e^{-2t} & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{2t} \\ e^{4t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{Y}^{-1} \mathbf{g} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{2t} \\ e^{4t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}(t) = \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} d\tilde{t} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ -2e^{2t} + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-4t} \\ e^{-2t} & -e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ -2e^{2t} + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t - 2 \\ -2t + 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$