

1. Consider the *two-dimensional first-order differential equation*

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

Where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $\tau = \text{Tr}(A)$  and  $\delta = \det(A)$ .

Show  $x(t)$  is a solution to the *one-dimensional second-order equation*

$$\ddot{x} - \tau\dot{x} + \delta x = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= ax + by \\ \dot{y} &= cx + dy\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x} &= a\dot{x} + b\dot{y} = a\dot{x} + b(cx + dy) = a\dot{x} + bcx + \frac{bd(\dot{x} - ax)}{b} \\ \ddot{x} &= a\dot{x} + bcx + d\dot{x} - adx \rightarrow \ddot{x} - a\dot{x} - d\dot{x} + adx - bcx = 0 \\ \ddot{x} - (a + d)\dot{x} + (ad - bc)x &= 0; (a + d) = \tau, (ad - bc) = \delta \\ \ddot{x} - \tau\dot{x} + \delta x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the linear system  $\dot{x} = -x$ ,  $\dot{y} = -4y$ . Show that any nontrivial solution in the phase-plane lies on a curve of the form  $y(x) = cx^4$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} = -\frac{4y}{-x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4y} dy = \frac{1}{x} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{4y} dy &= \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{4} \ln y = \ln x = 4 \ln x \rightarrow \\ y(x) &= cx^4, \text{ where } c \text{ is a constant}\end{aligned}$$

3. The motion of a damped harmonic oscillator is described by

$$m\ddot{x} + \gamma\dot{x} + m\omega^2 x = 0$$

Where  $m$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\omega$  are all positive constants.

- a. Rewrite the equation as a two-dimensional linear system.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= v \\ \dot{v} &= \frac{-\gamma\dot{x} - m\omega^2 x}{m} = -\frac{\gamma v}{m} - \omega^2 x \\ \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega^2 & -\frac{\gamma}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{x} = v, \quad \dot{v} = -\omega^2 x - \frac{\gamma v}{m}$$

- b. Classify the fixed point at the origin. Indicate all the different cases that can occur, depending on the relative sizes of the parameters.

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= a + d = -\frac{\gamma}{m} \\ \delta &= ad - bc = \omega^2 \\ \lambda_{1,2} &= \frac{\tau \pm \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\delta}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

If  $\delta < 0$  then the fixed point is a saddle point. If  $\delta = 0$  then there is not an isolated fix point  $\rightarrow$  There is either a line or a plane of fixed points. If  $\tau^2 = 4\delta$  then the fixed point is a star node or a degenerate node.

If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$  then there is either one eigenvector or two eigenvectors that  $= \lambda$ . If there are two eigenvectors and  $\lambda \neq 0$  the fixed point is a star node, but if  $\lambda = 0$  there is a whole plane of fixed points. If there is only one eigenvector, then the fixed point is a degenerate node.

If  $\tau^2 > 4\delta$ , then the fixed point is a node. If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2 > 0$ , then the fixed point is an unstable node. If  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2 < 0$  then the fixed point is a stable node.

If  $\tau^2 < 4\delta$ , then the fixed point is a spiral. If  $\frac{\tau}{2} < 0$  then it is a stable spiral, and if  $\frac{\tau}{2} > 0$  it is an unstable spiral. If  $\frac{\tau}{2} = 0$  then the stable point is a center.

4. **Strogatz 5.2.1: Consider the system  $\dot{x} = 4x - y, \dot{y} = 2x + y$ .**  
a. **Write the system as  $\dot{x} = Ax$ . Show that the characteristic polynomial is  $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$ , and find the eigen values and eigenvectors of A.**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau = a + d = 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$\delta = ad - bc = (4 * 1) - (-1 * 2) = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= e^{\lambda t} v \rightarrow Av = \lambda v \\ p(\lambda) = 0 &= \det(A - I\lambda) \rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - (-2) \\ &= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 1\lambda + 4 + 2 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are  $(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) \rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 3$

When  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{pmatrix} 4-2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1-2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \\ 2x &= y \\ 2x &= y \\ \vec{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

When  $\lambda = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4-3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1-3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= y \\ 2x &= 2y \\ \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvectors are:  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b. Find the general solution of the system

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2 \\ x(t) &= c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

c. Classify the fixed point at the origin

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= 5, \delta = 6 \\ \tau^2 - 4\delta &> 0, 25 - 24 = 1 > 0 \\ \tau^2 - 4\delta &> 0, \lambda_1 > 0, \text{ and } \lambda_2 > 0 \quad \therefore \text{The fixed point is an unstable node}\end{aligned}$$

d. Solve the system subject to the initial condition  $(x_0, y_0) = (3, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned}x(0) &= c_1 e^{2 \cdot 0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{3 \cdot 0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ c_1 + c_2 &= 3 \\ 2c_1 + c_2 &= 4 \\ c_1 &= 3 - (4 - 2c_1) \rightarrow c_1 = 1, \\ 1 + c_2 &= 3 \rightarrow c_2 = 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= e^{2t} + 2e^{3t} \\ y(t) &= 2e^{2t} + 2e^{3t}\end{aligned}$$

Plot the phase portrait and classify the fixed point of the following linear systems. If the eigenvectors are real, indicate them in your sketch

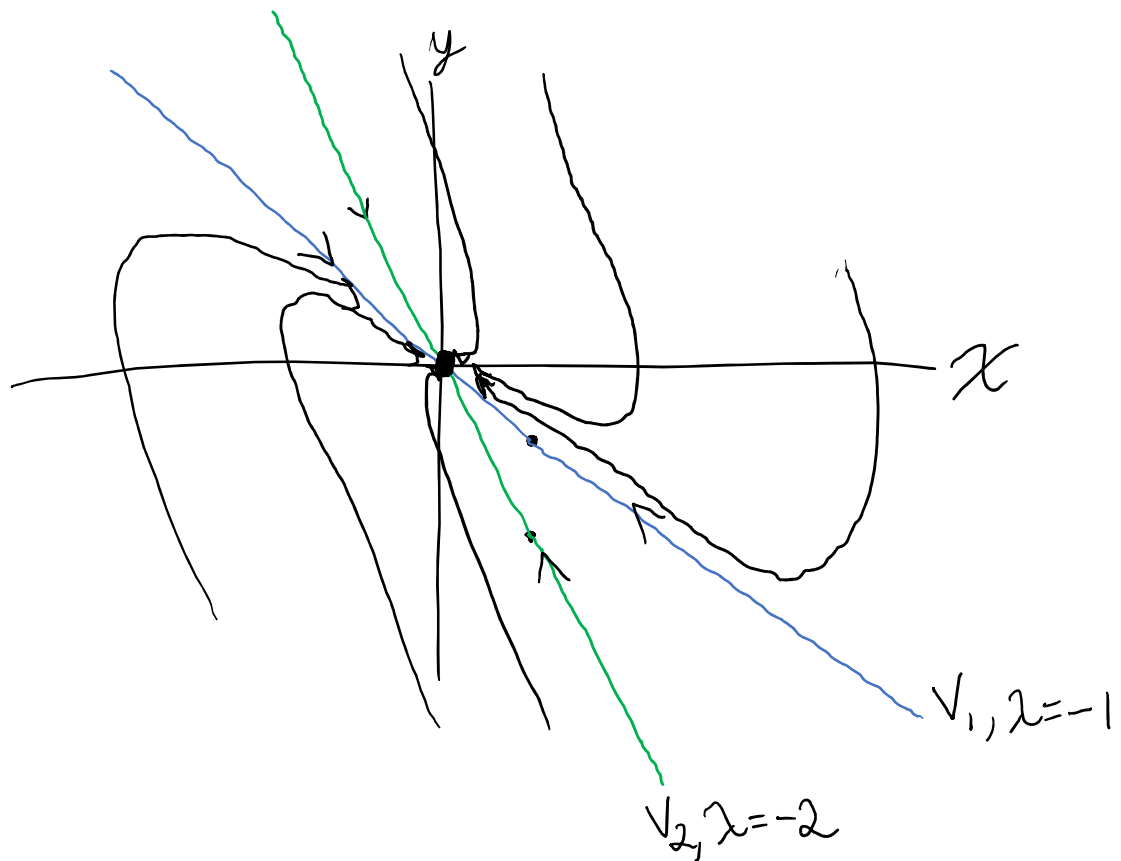
5. Strogatz 5.2.3:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y, \quad \dot{y} = -2x - 3y \\ \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \tau &= -3, \quad \delta = 2, \quad \lambda_{1,2} = -1, -2 \\ \lambda_1 = -1 &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_2 = -2 &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$\lambda_1 < 0$  and  $\lambda_2 < 0 \rightarrow$  both eigensolutions decay exponentially

$$\tau^2 - 4\delta > 0 \rightarrow 9 - 8 = 1$$

$\therefore$  The fixed point is stable node, eigenvectors are real



6. Strogatz 5.2.4:

$$\dot{x} = 5x + 10y, \quad \dot{y} = -x - y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau = 4, \quad \delta = 5, \quad \lambda_{1,2} = 2 \pm i$$

$$\tau^2 - 4\delta < 0 \rightarrow 16 - 20 = -4, \quad \alpha = \frac{\tau}{2} = 2 > 0 \therefore \text{Unstable spiral}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (15, -1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 10 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (-10, 1)$$

$\therefore$  the spiral is counterclockwise

