

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Systems: Phase Portraits & Solving using Linear Algebra

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# Recall our MSD (linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order) system

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Our Equation of Motion (EOM)

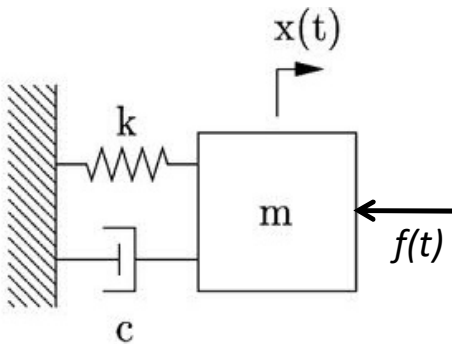
$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = f(t)$$

Let...

$$u_1 = f(t)$$

$$z_1 = x \quad \dot{z}_1 = z_2$$

$$z_2 = \dot{x} \quad \dot{z}_2 = -\frac{k}{m}z_1 - \frac{c}{m}z_2 + \frac{f(t)}{m}$$

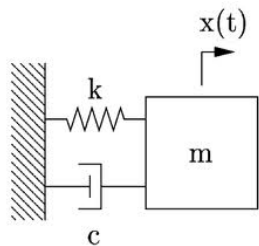


Thus in state-space form...

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}$$

# Easy to solve....numerically

Assume some values....



Let...

$$k = 3, c = 2, m = 1, \& f(t) = 4$$

With IC's...

$$z(0) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Plug in...

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u$$

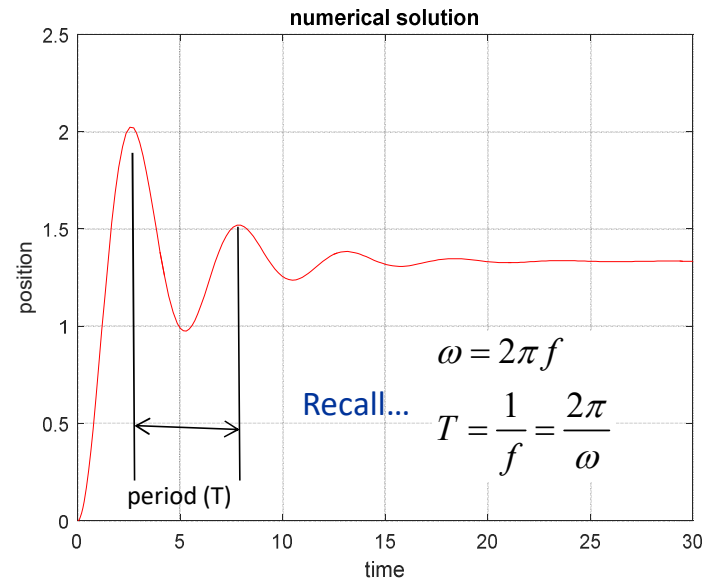
Solve with ode45 function in MATLAB...

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%m-s-d solution
[t, z] = ode45( @test, [0 30 ], [ 0 0 ]);
plot( t, z(:,1), 'r');
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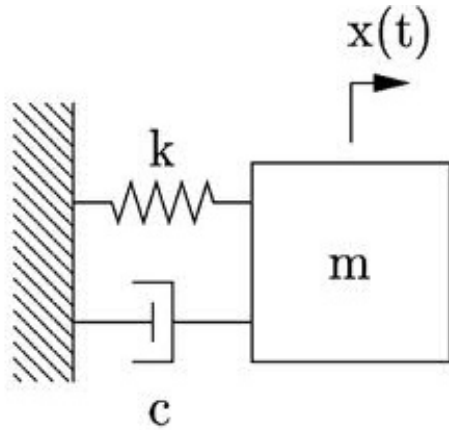
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function zprime = test( t, z )
m = 2; c = 1; k = 3; F = 4;
zprime = [ 0 1; -(c/m) -k/m ]*z + [ 0; 1/m ]*F;
```

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%OR
% A = [ 0 1; -(c/m) -(k/m) ];
% B = [ 0; 1/m ];
% u = F;
% zprime = A*z + B*u
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%OR
%zprime = [ z(2);
%      -(c/m)*z(2) - (k/m)*z(1) + F/m; ];
```



# Another way to visualize: Phase Portraits

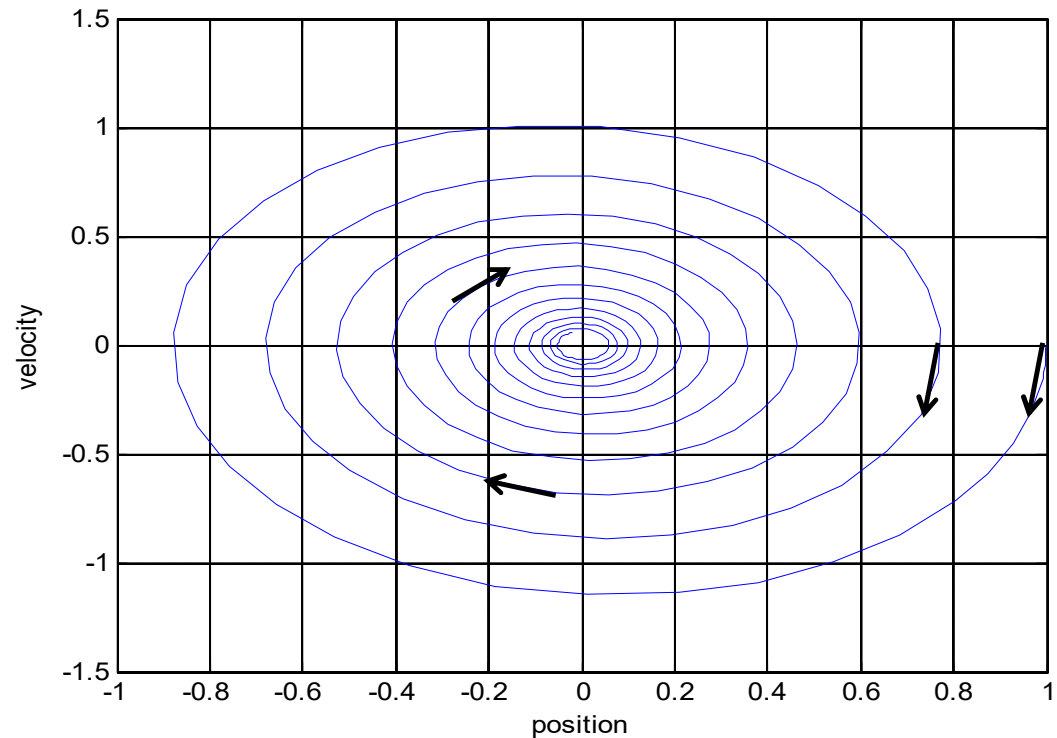


Let...

$$k = 3, b = 0.2, m = 1, F = 0$$

Some initial conditions...

$$z(0) = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$



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%m-s-d solution
[t, z] = ode45( @test, [0 60 ], [ 1 0 ]);
plot( z(:,1), z(:,2));
grid on;
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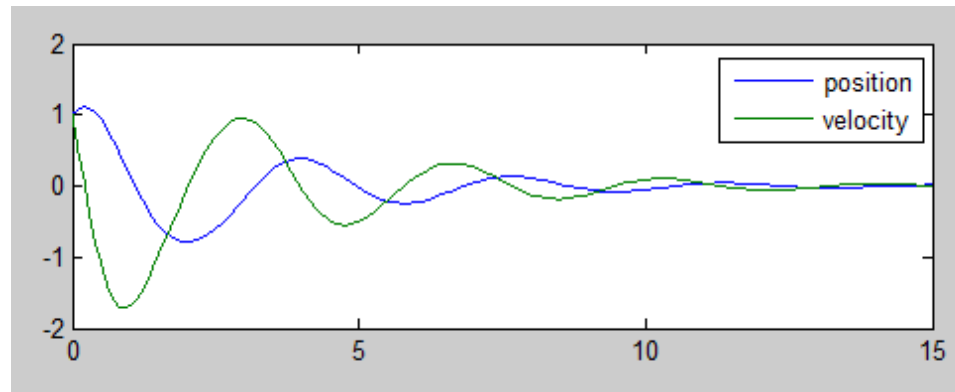
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function zprime = test( t, z )
m = 2; b = .2; k = 3; F = 0;
zprime = [
    z(2);
    -(b/m)*z(2) - (k/m)*z(1) + F; ];
```

# Phase portraits for nonlinear systems

Consider this 2<sup>nd</sup> order *nonlinear* system:  $\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$

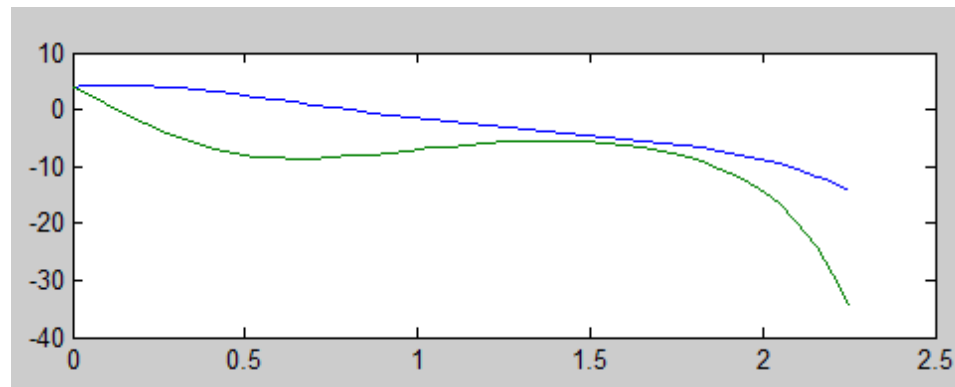
$$x(0) = 1$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 1$$



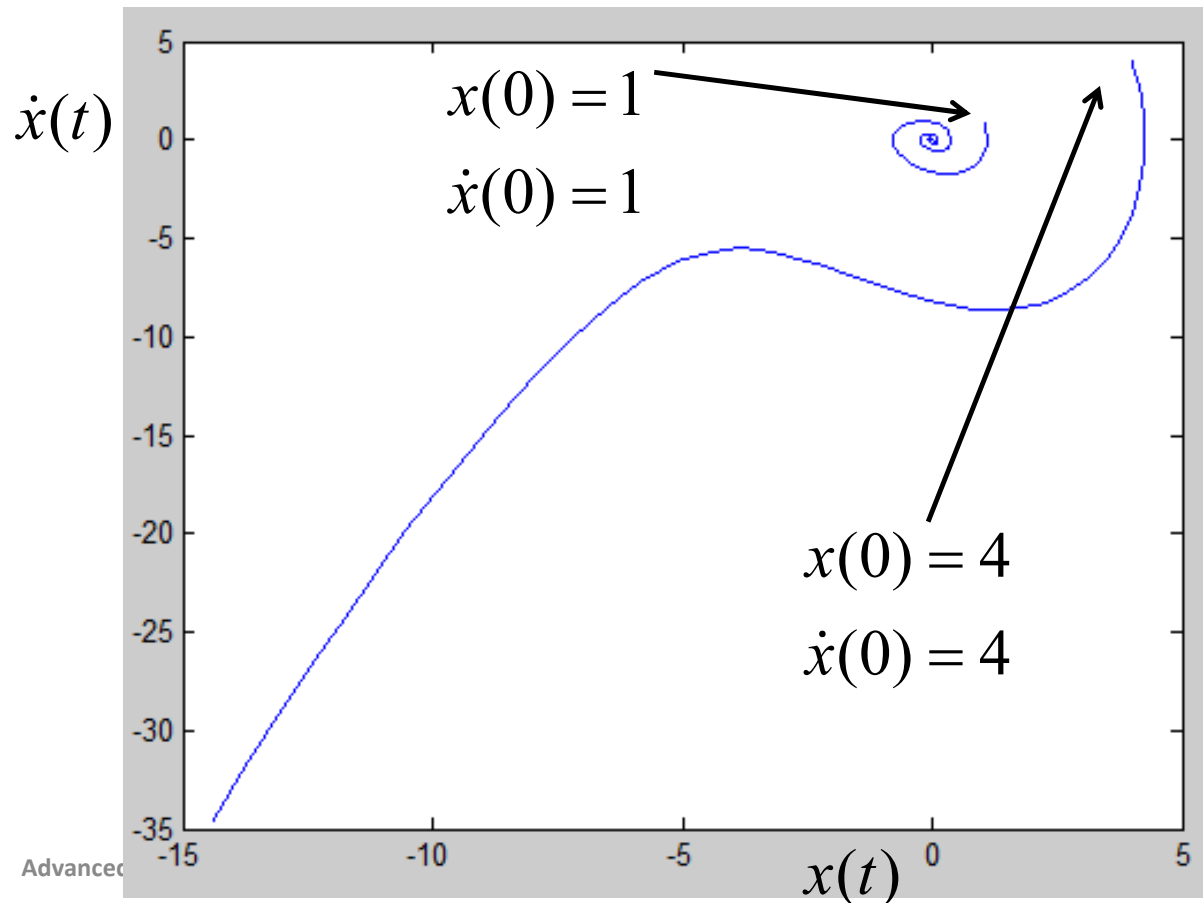
$$x(0) = 4$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 4$$



# Phase Portrait (note the Butterfly Effect)

Consider lots of possible initial conditions...  $\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$

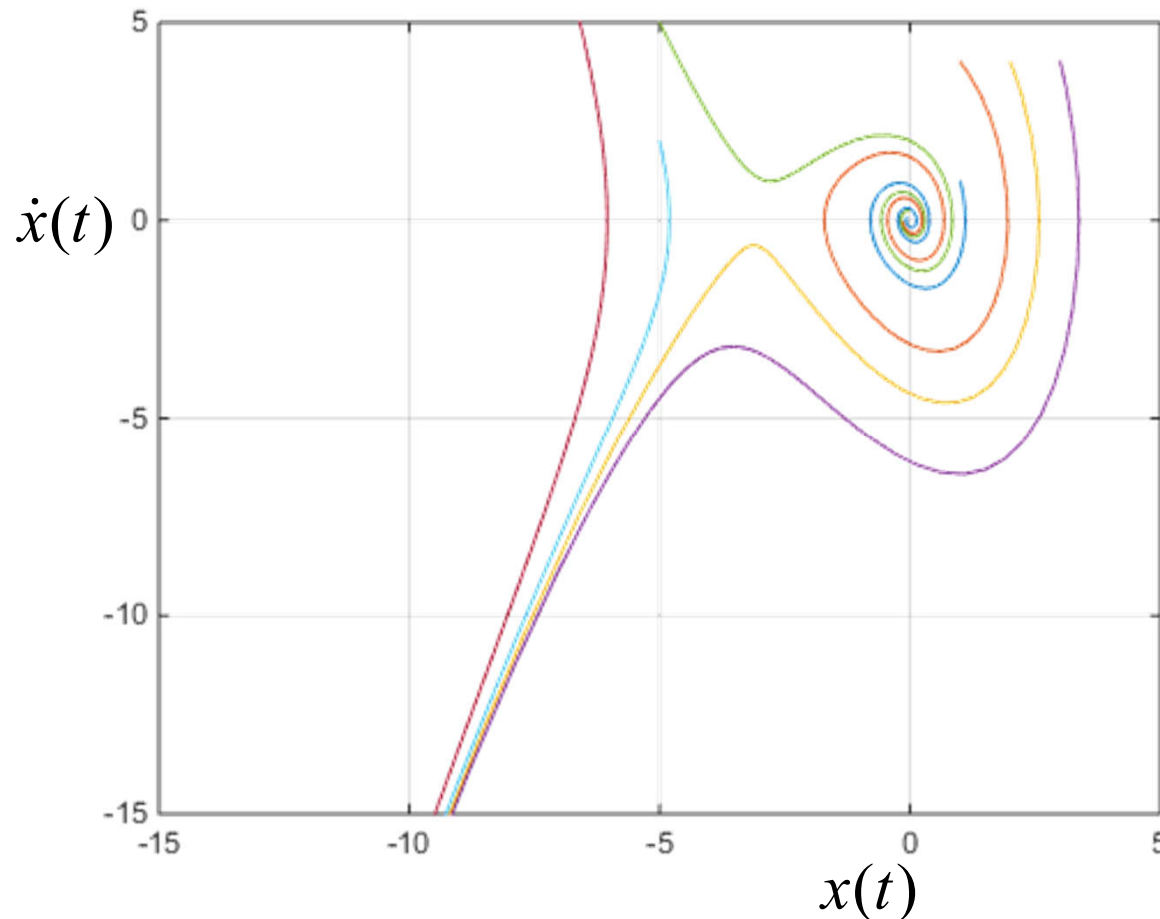


```
clear all;  
  
[t, z1] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 15], [1 1]);  
[t, z2] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 2.25], [4 4]);  
  
plot( z1(:,1), z1(:,2));  
hold on;  
plot( z2(:,1), z2(:,2));
```

*Could I write a script to  
methodically consider initial  
conditions?*

# Phase portrait with multiple initial conditions

$$\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$$

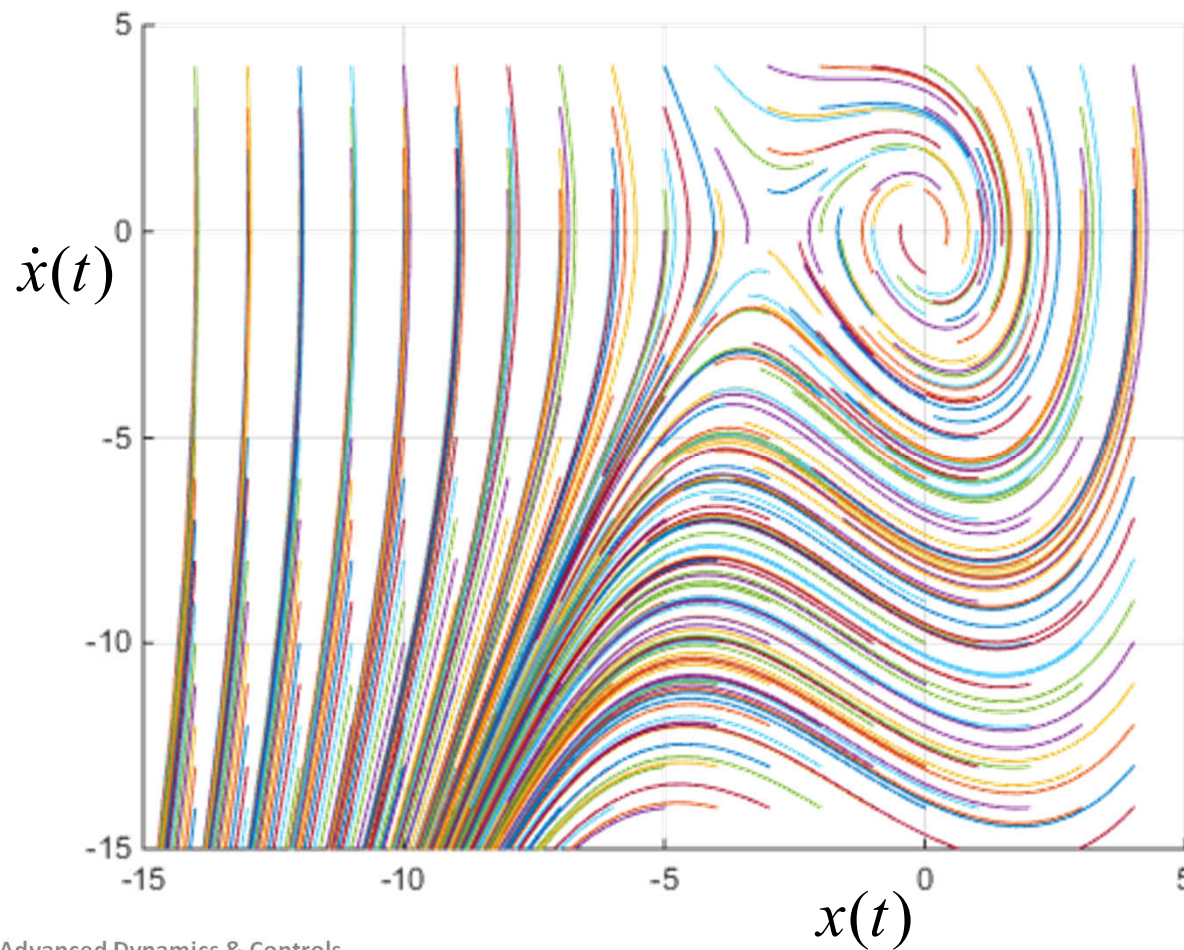


```
clear all;
[t, z1] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 10],[1 1]);
[t, z2] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 10.0],[1 4]);
[t, z3] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 5.0],[2 4]);
[t, z4] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 3.0],[3 4]);
[t, z5] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 10.0],[-5 5]);
[t, z6] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 2.0],[-5 2]);
[t, z7] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 1.0],[-7 7]);
```

```
plot(z1(:,1), z1(:,2));
hold on;
plot(z2(:,1), z2(:,2));
plot(z3(:,1), z3(:,2));
plot(z4(:,1), z4(:,2));
plot(z5(:,1), z5(:,2));
plot(z6(:,1), z6(:,2));
plot(z7(:,1), z7(:,2));
axis([-15 5 -15 5]);
grid on;
```

*Sure, but can be dull and incomplete.*

# Phase Portrait



$$\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$$

```
clear all;
hold on;
for i=-14:4
    for j=-14:4
        [t, z] = ode45('ExPhase',[0 1], [i j]);
        plot( z(:,1), z(:,2));
        z=[0;0]; %reset z and t
        t=0;
    end
end

axis( [-15 5 -15 5]);
grid on;
```

*Pretty, but MATLAB only gets us so far....*



# Calculate Phase Portraits in Two Steps

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- Step 1 – Find the equilibrium points

- Equilibrium Point := Set of states such that system is stationary

$$z_e \text{ is an equilibrium point of } \frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = f(\mathbf{z}, u) \text{ if } \frac{d\mathbf{z}_e}{dt} = 0$$

- At these points, the slope of the phase portrait will be indeterminate
- A system can have 0, 1, or many equilibrium points.
  - (Another possibility is repeated periodic motion)

In our example...

$$\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$$

We define our states

$$z_1 = x \Rightarrow \dot{z}_1 = z_2$$

$$z_2 = \dot{x} \Rightarrow \dot{z}_2 = -0.6z_2 - 3z_1 - z_1^2$$

Equilibrium points exist when neither state is changing.

$$f_1(z_1, z_2) = z_2 = 0$$

$$f_2(z_1, z_2) = -0.6(0) - 3z_1 - z_1^2 = 0$$

$$0 = z_1(-3 - z_1)$$

**We see that (0,0) and (-3,0) are equilibrium points;**

# Calculating Phase Portraits in Two Steps

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- Step 2 – Examine behavior of solutions near the equilibria.

Let the construct  $\mathbf{z}(t;\mathbf{a})$  be a solution to  $\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = f(\mathbf{z}, u)$   
with initial condition  $\mathbf{z}(0) = \mathbf{a}$

*A solution is stable if other solutions (i.e.  $\mathbf{z}(t;\mathbf{b})$ ) near  $\mathbf{a}$  stays close to  $\mathbf{z}(t;\mathbf{a})$*

*How do we check that?*

*One option is trial and error....*

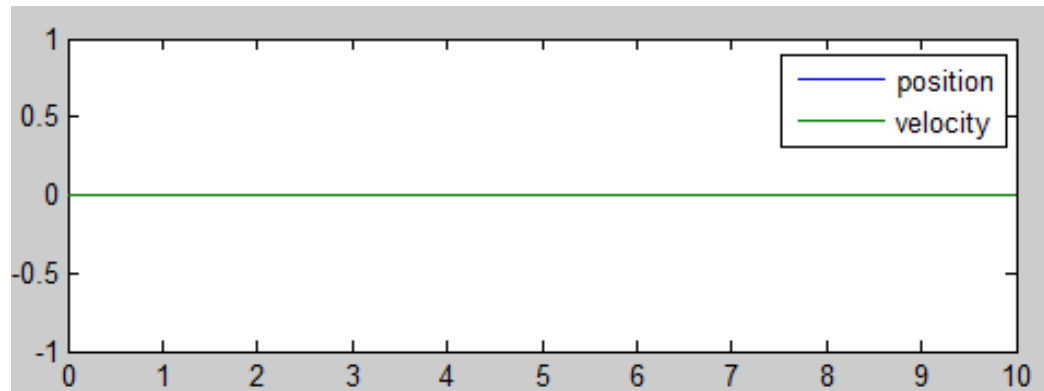
# Phase Portrait

$$\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$$

*Examining the response at the equilibrium points is rather boring...*

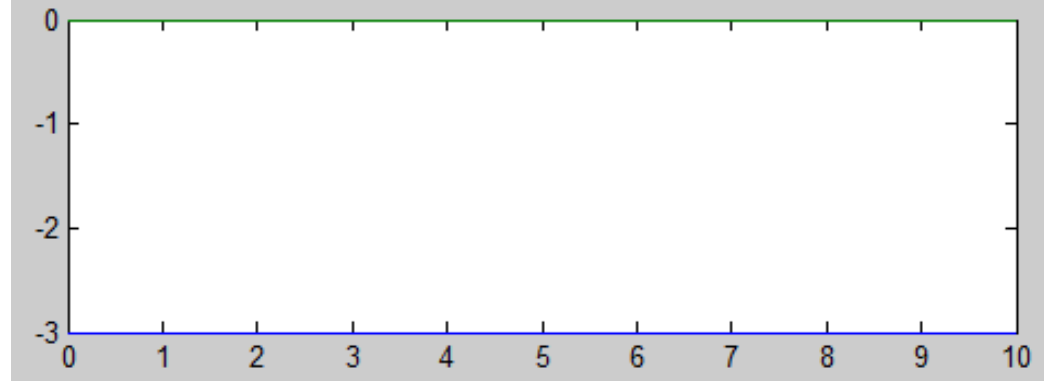
$$x(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = 0$$



$$x(0) = -3$$

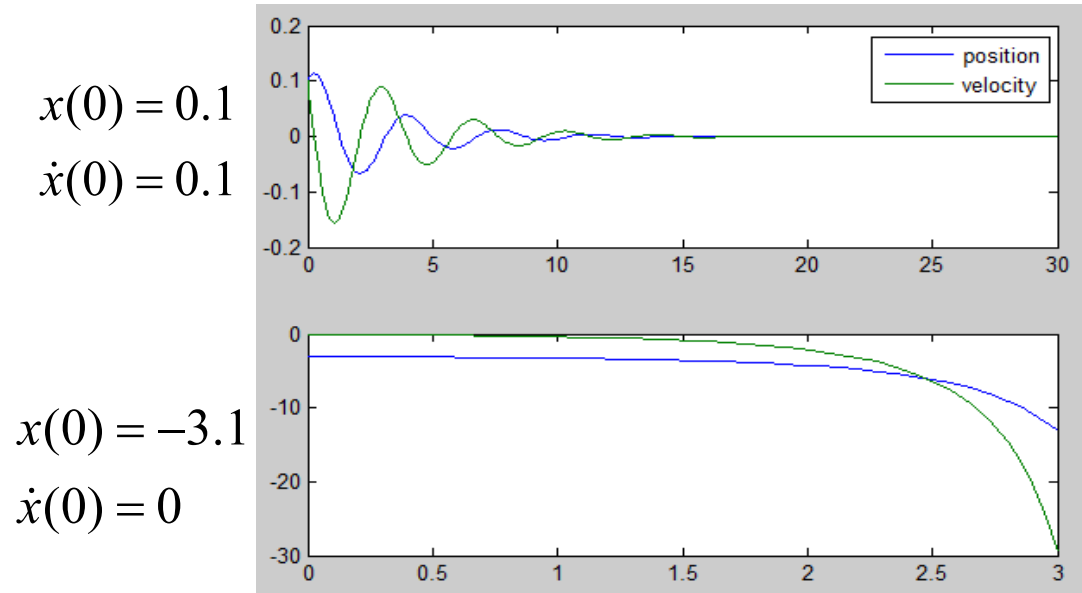
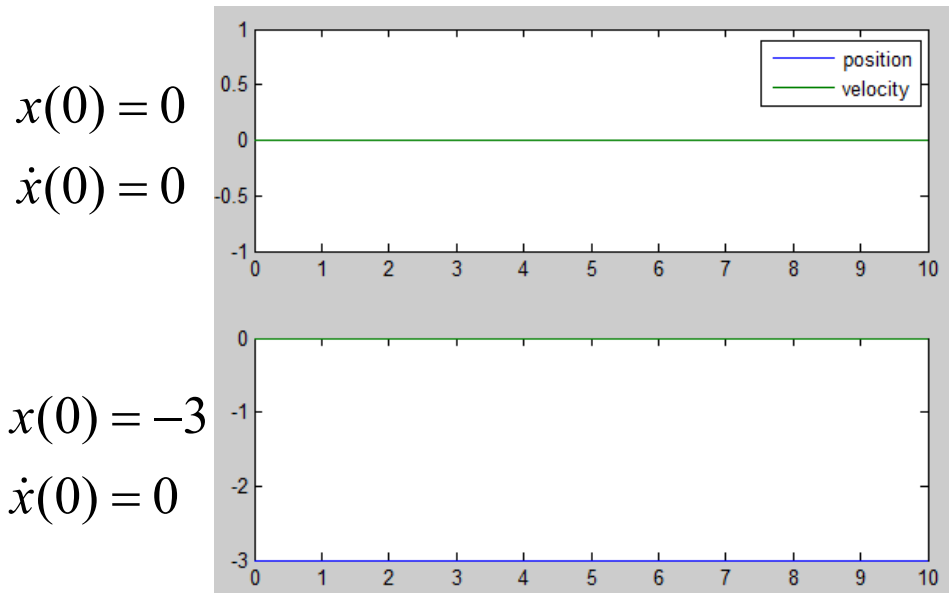
$$\dot{x}(0) = 0$$



# Phase Portrait

$$\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$$

*But looking at points nearby, we get some insight....*

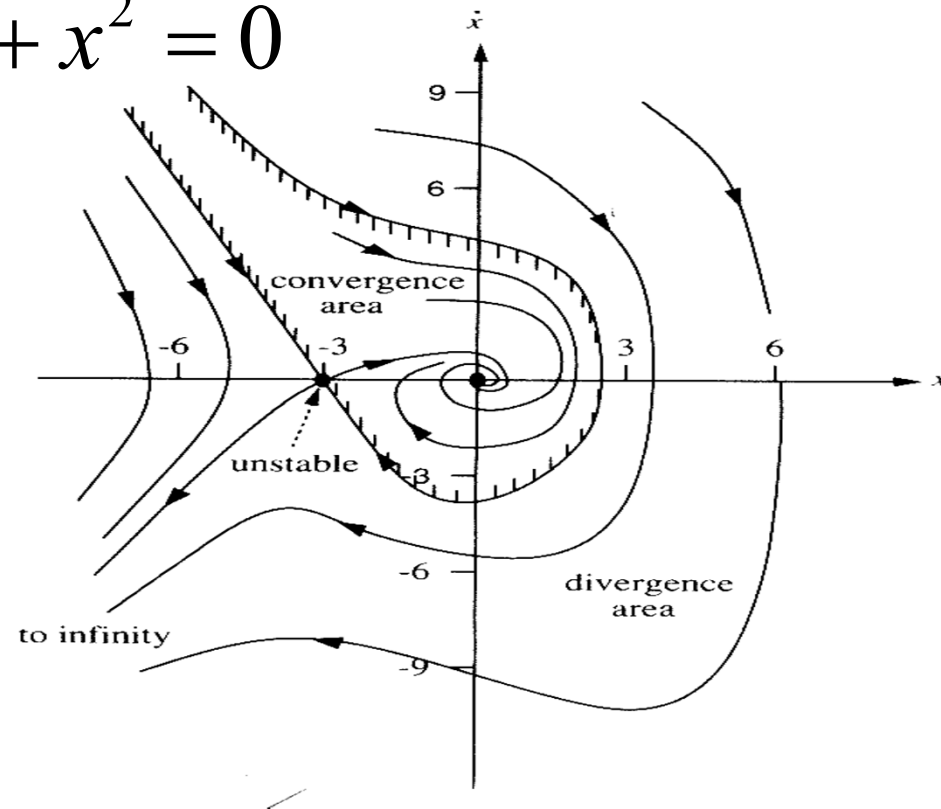


# Phase Portrait

*After enough testing, I might be able to make a sketch like this.*

$$\ddot{x} + 0.6\dot{x} + 3x + x^2 = 0$$

- *Equilibrium points at (0,0) and (-3,0)*
- *Trajectories move to (0,0)*
- *Trajectories move away from (-3,0)*



# Phase Portrait Summary

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- Phase Portraits are a great visualization tool for 2<sup>nd</sup> order systems.
  - Some MATLAB support
  - Only works for 2<sup>nd</sup> order (3<sup>rd</sup>?) systems.
  - Works for both linear and nonlinear systems
- There is a clear relationship between equilibrium points and stability.
  - This is true for any order system even if most easily visualized for 2<sup>nd</sup> order systems.
- Determining stability via trial & error (especially for higher order systems) may not be feasible.
  - We need something else...
- To develop another method let's review how to solve 1<sup>st</sup> order linear ODEs using linear algebra.

# Solving systems using linear algebra

# Equilibrium for linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order systems

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- Phase portraits work for both linear AND nonlinear systems
- But for linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order systems, we have another, easier method to determine if the equilibria are stable.
- We can solve the system of ODEs by first finding its eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the system.
- Recall that....

$$\ddot{x} + a\dot{x} + bx = 0$$

*Has the general solution:*

$$x(t) = k_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \boldsymbol{\eta}_1 + k_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \boldsymbol{\eta}_2$$



# Recall for a linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order system

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A general second order system...  $\ddot{x} + a\dot{x} + bx = 0$

Has the general solution...  $\mathbf{z}(t) = k_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \boldsymbol{\eta}_1 + k_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \boldsymbol{\eta}_2$

Where the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are found by solving the characteristic equation.

$$s^2 + as + b = (s - \lambda_1)(s - \lambda_2) = 0$$

Which we can then find in general for 2<sup>nd</sup> order systems.

$$\ni \lambda_1 = \frac{(-a + \sqrt{a^2 - 4b})}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{(-a - \sqrt{a^2 - 4b})}{2}$$

The eigenvectors are found by solving  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\eta}_i = 0$

And constants  $k_i$  are found using the initial conditions.

# Example 1 (real, distinct eigenvalues)

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

Let...

$$k = 4, c = 6, m = 2, F = u = 0$$

and...

$$\mathbf{z}(0) = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

In state space form...

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}$$

Finding the eigenvalues

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \quad \text{or...} \quad \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ 3 & \lambda + 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda + 2) + 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1, -2$$

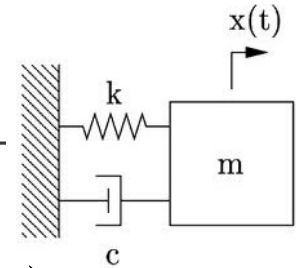
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -3 & -\lambda - 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$-\lambda(-\lambda - 2) + 3 = 0$$

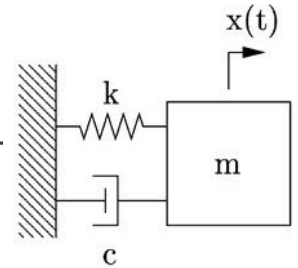
$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 3 = 0$$

Next, find the eigenvectors...

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_i \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\eta}_i = 0$$



# Example 1 (real, distinct eigenvalues)



Next, find the eigenvectors...

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_i \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\eta}_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\eta}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\eta}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So our solution to the linear 1<sup>st</sup> order ODEs is...

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = k_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the initial conditions to find the constant values...

$$\mathbf{z}(0) = k_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k_1 - k_2 = 1$$

$$-k_1 + 2k_2 = 0 \Rightarrow k_1 = 2k_2$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2k_2 - k_2 &= 1 \\ k_2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$k_1 = 2$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{z}(t) = 2e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

Let's check our answer

# Example 1 (real, distinct eigenvalues)

For our s-s system,

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} z + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} z$$

We found that,

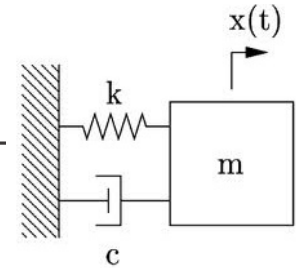
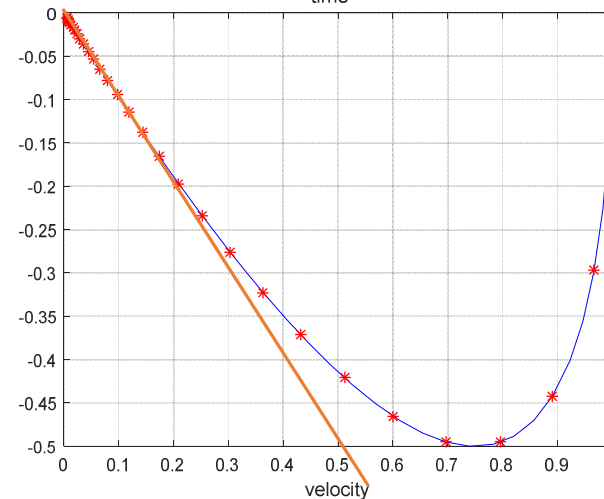
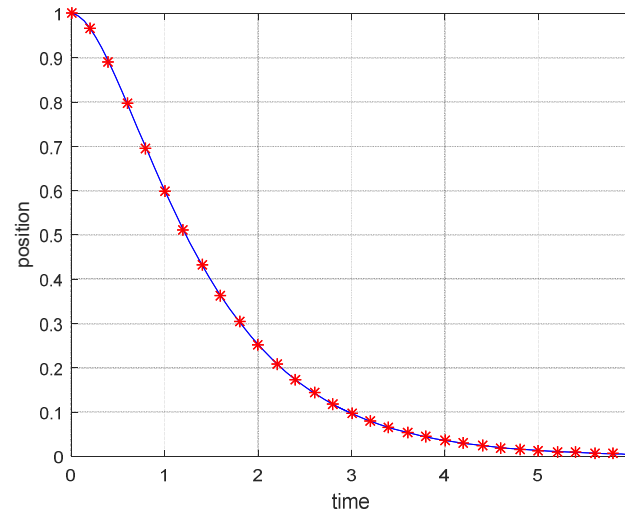
$$z(t) = 2e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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clear all;
global k; global c; global m;
k = 4; c = 6; m = 2; ta = [0:.2:6];

[tn, zn] = ode45( @test, [ 0 6 ], [ 1 0] );

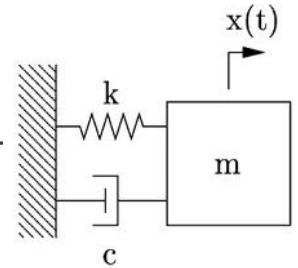
for i=1:length(ta);
    za(i,:) = 2*exp(-ta(i))*[1;-1] + 1*exp(-2*ta(i))*[-1;2];
end

figure(1)
plot( tn, zn(:,1), 'b');
grid on; hold on;
plot( ta, za(:,1), 'r*' );
figure(2)
plot( zn(:,1), zn(:,2), 'b-' );
grid on; hold on;
plot( za(:,1), za(:,2), 'r*' );
```



Note the relationship between one of the eigenvectors and the phase portrait.

# Example 2 (complex conjugate eigenvalues)



$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

Let...

$$k = 3, c = .2, m = 1, F = u = 0$$

and...

$$\mathbf{z}(0) = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

In state space form...

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}$$

Finding the eigenvalues

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ 3 & \lambda + 0.2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda + 0.2) + 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 0.2\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + (0.1 + 1.7292i))(\lambda + (0.1 - 1.7292i)) = 0$$

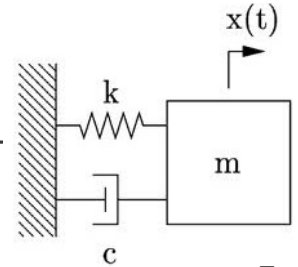
So the eigenvalues of the system are...

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -0.1 \pm 1.7292i$$

Let's confirm and get the eigenvalues using MATLAB.

```
A = [ 0 1; -3 -0.2 ];    V =
[V,D] = eig(A)           -0.0289 - 0.4992i  -0.0289 + 0.4992i
                        0.8660 + 0.0000i  0.8660 + 0.0000i
D =                      -0.1000 + 1.7292i  0.0000 + 0.0000i
                        0.0000 + 0.0000i  -0.1000 - 1.7292i
```

# Example 2 (complex conjugate eigenvalues)



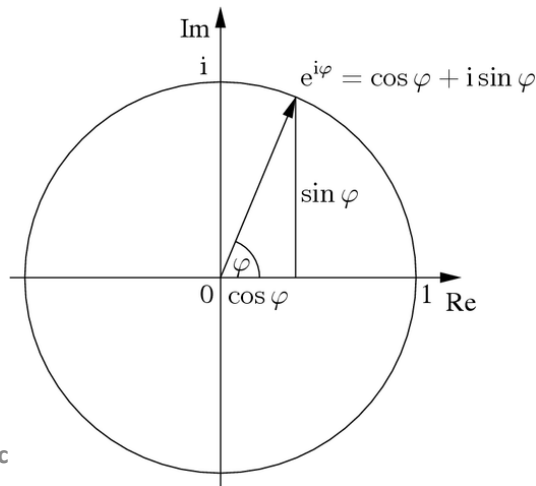
So our solution we get from the first eigenvalue is...

$$z_1(t) = e^{(-0.1+1.7292i)t} \begin{bmatrix} -0.0289 - 0.4992i \\ 0.8660 \end{bmatrix}$$

We will deal with the second eigenvalue later. Separate the real and imaginary components.

$$z_1(t) = e^{-0.1t} e^{1.7292it} \begin{bmatrix} -0.0289 - 0.4992i \\ 0.8660 \end{bmatrix}$$

And then apply Euler's formula to eliminate the complex numbers in the exponent and eigenvector.



$$z_1(t) = e^{-0.1t} (\cos(1.7292) + i \sin(1.7292)) \begin{bmatrix} -0.0289 - 0.4992i \\ 0.8660 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply through to separate the real and imaginary terms.

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(t) &= u(t) + iv(t) \\ &= e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} (-0.0289 - 0.4992i)(\cos(1.7292t) + i \sin(1.7292t)) \\ 0.8660(\cos(1.7292t) + i \sin(1.7292t)) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} -0.0289 \cos(1.7292t) - i0.4992 \cos(1.7292t) - i0.0289 \sin(1.7292t) - i^2 0.4992 \sin(1.7292t) \\ .8660 \cos(1.7292t) + i0.8660 \sin(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} .4992 \sin(1.7292t) - 0.0289 \cos(1.7292t) \\ .8660 \cos(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix} + i e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4992 \cos(1.7292t) - 0.0289 \sin(1.7292t) \\ 0.8660 \sin(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(phew. Liking numerical methods more and more but want to make one point here.) Note  $u$  and  $v$  are linear and independent to each other AND linear dependent with the solutions we would find using the second eigenvalue/vector. So the general solution can be written as:

$$z(t) = k_1 u(t) + k_2 v(t)$$

# Example 2 (complex conjugate eigenvalues)

So using our initial conditions to find the coefficients

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = k_1 u(t) + k_2 v(t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = k_1 e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} .4992 \sin(1.7292t) - 0.0289 \cos(1.7292t) \\ .8660 \cos(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix} + k_2 e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4992 \cos(1.7292t) - 0.0289 \sin(1.7292t) \\ 0.8660 \sin(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z}(0) = k_1 \begin{bmatrix} -0.0289 \\ .8660 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} -0.4992 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k_1 \begin{bmatrix} -0.0289 \\ .8660 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} -0.4992 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{z}(0)$$

$$-0.0289k_1 - 0.4992k_2 = 1$$

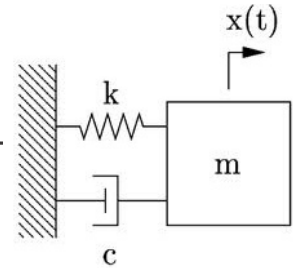
$$0.8660k_1 + 0k_2 = 0$$

$$k_1 = 0$$

$$k_2 = 1 / -0.4992 \approx -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{z}(t) = 2e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4992 \cos(1.7292t) - 0.0289 \sin(1.7292t) \\ 0.8660 \sin(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix}$$

So did “we” get  
all that math  
right?



# Example 1 (real, distinct eigenvalues)

For our s-s system,

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We found that,

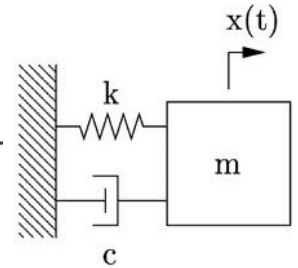
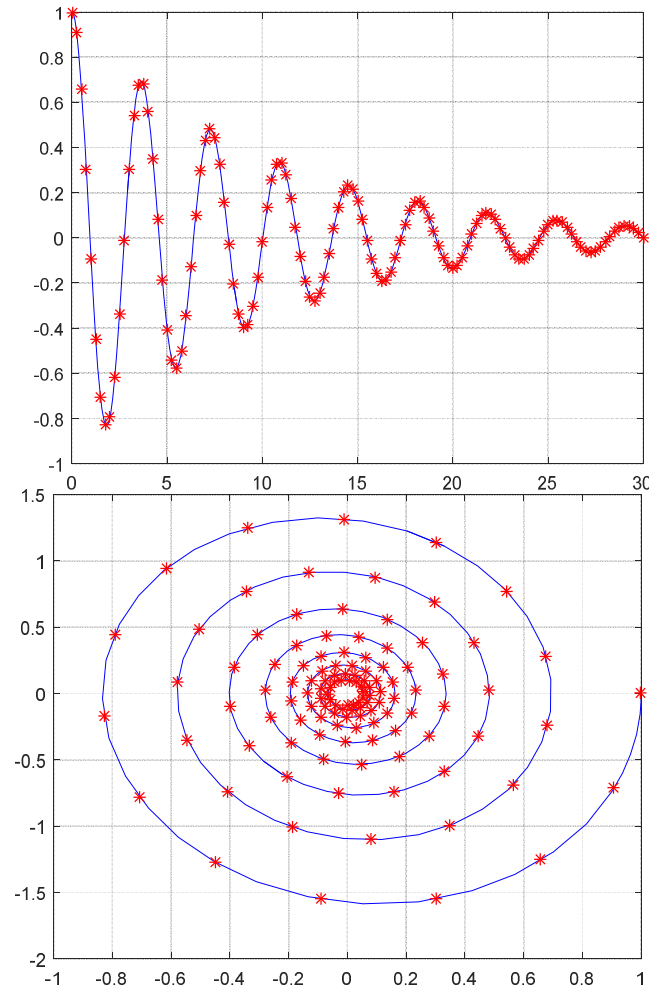
$$z(t) = 2e^{-0.1t} \begin{bmatrix} -0.4992 \cos(1.7292t) - 0.0289 \sin(1.7292t) \\ 0.8660 \sin(1.7292t) \end{bmatrix}$$

```
clear all;
global k; global c; global m;
k = 3; c = 0.2; m = 1; ta = [0:.25:30];

[tn, zn] = ode45( @test, [ 0 30 ], [ 1 0] );

for i=1:length(ta);
    za(i,:) = -2*exp(-0.1*ta(i))*[ -0.4992*cos(1.7292*ta(i))-
    0.0289*sin(1.7292*ta(i)); 0.8660*sin(1.7292*ta(i))];
end

figure(1)
plot( tn, zn(:,1), 'b');
grid on; hold on;
plot( ta, za(:,1), 'r*' );
figure(2)
plot( zn(:,1), zn(:,2), 'b-' );
grid on; hold on;
plot( za(:,1), za(:,2), 'r*' );
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Phew!



# Summary

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- Reviewed how to solve linear sets of 1<sup>st</sup> order equations using linear algebra
  - Example with distinct real roots (overdamped)
  - Example with complex conjugate roots ( underdamped)
- Compared the solutions to numerical solutions for both the output and phase portrait graphs
- We see some additional indications that there is a clear relationship between equilibrium points (and stability) and a systems eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

$$\ddot{x} + a\dot{x} + bx = 0 \quad x(t) = k_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{\eta}_1 + k_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{\eta}_2$$