Step-1

Stability: Real parts of the Eigen values govern the stability. The differential equation du/dt = Au is:

Stable: If $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0$

Neutrally stable: If all $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) \leq 0$ and $\lambda_1 = 0$.

Unstable: If any Eigen value has $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_i) > 0$.

Step-2

Define the matrix A to illustrate the following unstable region.

(a) When Eigen values are:

 $\lambda_1 < 0$ and $\lambda_2 > 0$

Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-3

To calculate the Eigen values do the following calculations;

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ 3 & -1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)-6=0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 7 = 0$$

After solving following values are obtained:

$$\lambda_1 = -\sqrt{7}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \sqrt{7}$$

Step-4

Therefore, following matrix satisfies $\lambda_1 < 0$ and $\lambda_2 > 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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(b) When Eigen values are:

$$\lambda_1 > 0$$
 and $\lambda_2 > 0$

Consider the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-6

To calculate the Eigen values do the following calculations;

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(3-\lambda)=0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

After solving following values are obtained:

$$\lambda_1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3$$

Step-7

Therefore, following matrix satisfies $\lambda_1 > 0$ and $\lambda_2 > 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step-8

(c) When Eigen values complex λ 's real part is greater than zero.

Consider the following matrix:

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

Step-9

To calculate the Eigen values do the following calculations;

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

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

After solving following values are obtained:

$$\lambda_1 = 1 + i$$
$$\lambda_2 = 1 - i$$

Step-10

Therefore, following matrix satisfies the condition that real part is greater than zero.

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