

# CX1104: Linear Algebra for Computing

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}}_{A \quad m \times n} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{x \quad n \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}}_{b \quad m \times 1}$$

Chap. No : **8.3B**

Lecture : **Eigen and Singular Values**

Topic : **Dynamical Systems**

Concept : **Dynamical Systems**

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# Calculating $A^k$ with Eigenvalue Decomposition

**EXAMPLE 2** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a formula for  $A^k$ , given that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SOLUTION** The standard formula for the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix yields

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, by associativity of matrix multiplication,

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 &= (PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) = PD \underbrace{(P^{-1}P)}_I DP^{-1} = PDDP^{-1} \\ &= PD^2P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Again,

$$A^3 = (PDP^{-1})A^2 = (PDP^{-1})PD^2P^{-1} = PDD^2P^{-1} = PD^3P^{-1}$$

In general, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} A^k &= PD^kP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^k & 0 \\ 0 & 3^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 5^k - 3^k & 5^k - 3^k \\ 2 \cdot 3^k - 2 \cdot 5^k & 2 \cdot 3^k - 5^k \end{bmatrix} \quad \textbf{Important!} \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

A square matrix  $A$  is said to be **diagonalizable** if  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix, that is, if  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some invertible matrix  $P$  and some diagonal matrix  $D$ . The next theorem gives a characterization of diagonalizable matrices and tells how to construct a suitable factorization.

MATLAB:

```
>> P = [1 1; -1 -2]; D=[5 0; 0 3];  
>> P*D*inv(P)
```

ans =

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7      2  
-4     1
```

# Finding Trajectory by Repeated Transformation [Brute Force]

You are given:

1. Transformation Matrix  $A$
2. Initial Starting Point  $x_0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} .80 & 0 \\ 0 & .64 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_0 = (3,3)$$

Asked to plot the trajectory spanned by repeatedly multiplying the initial starting point  $x_0$  with the transformation matrix  $A$ :

- $x_0 \rightarrow$  Starting Point
- $x_1 = Ax_0$
- $x_2 = Ax_1 = A^2x_0$
- $\vdots$
- $x_k = Ax_{k-1} = A^kx_0$

```
% FileName: test_trajectory1
% Lay's example 2, complex exponential, pg 296
% Trajectory of  $x_{(k+1)} = Ax_k$ 

A = [ 0.8 0; 0 0.64];
[V,D] = eig(A)

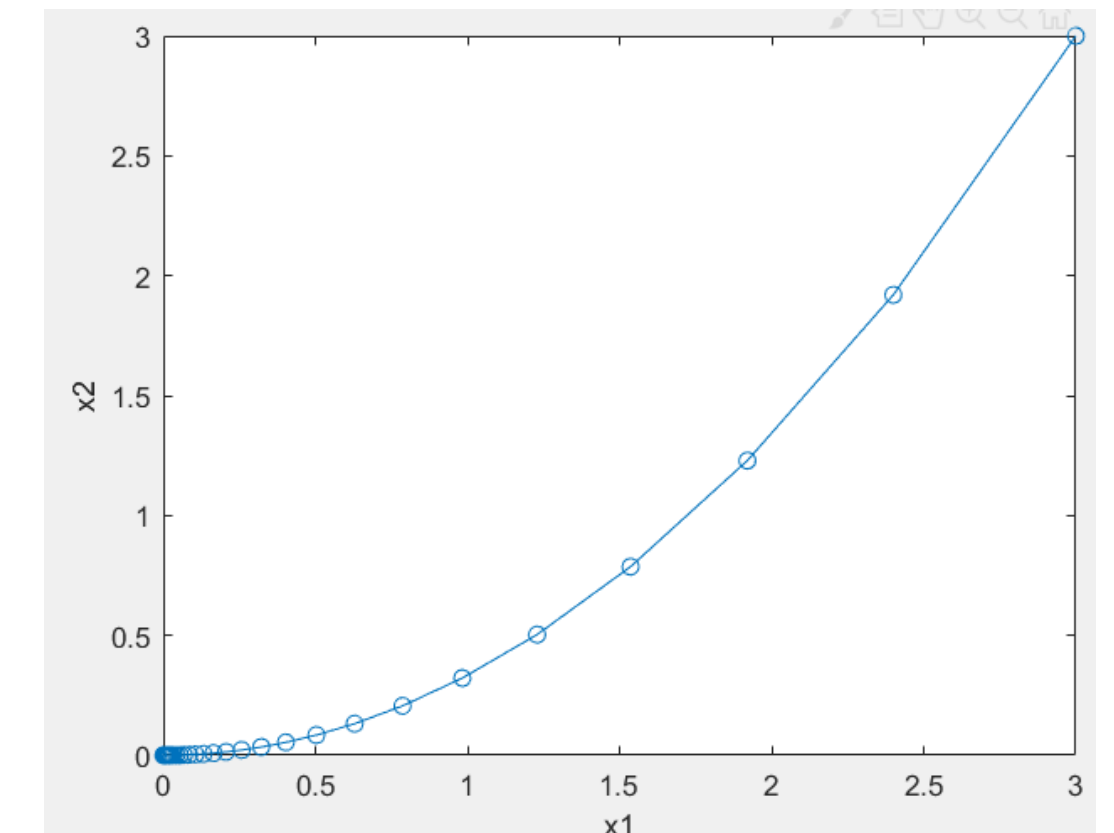
% sort the eigenvalues - remember Matlab does not sort eigenvalue
[d,ind] = sort(diag(D),'descend')
Ds = D(ind,ind)
Vs = V(:,ind)
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x0 = [3 3]';
```

The brute force way to do this is to write a for loop.  
Code here shows how it can be done.

Drawback: This is **computationally expensive!**

```
% Brute Force
N = 100;
hist_x = zeros(2,N);
hist_x(:,1) = x0;
for k=2:N
    curr_x = hist_x(:,k-1);
    hist_x(:,k) = A*curr_x;
end
figure
plot(hist_x(1,:),hist_x(2,:),'-o');
xlabel('x1');
ylabel('x2');hold on;
```





# Finding Trajectory by Repeated Transformation [EVD]

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EVD can be used to efficiently compute  $A^k$  and thereby bringdown computational complexity!

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors provide the key to understanding the long-term behavior, or *evolution*, of a dynamical system described by a difference equation  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = A\mathbf{x}_k$ .

Until Example 6, we assume that  $A$  is diagonalizable, with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ , and corresponding eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ . For convenience, assume the eigenvectors are arranged so that  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$ . Since  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , any initial vector  $\mathbf{x}_0$  can be written uniquely as

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n \tag{1}$$

This **eigenvector decomposition** of  $\mathbf{x}_0$  determines what happens to the sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}$ . The next calculation generalizes the simple case examined in Example 5 of Section 5.2. Since the  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are eigenvectors,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_1 &= A\mathbf{x}_0 = c_1A\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_nA\mathbf{v}_n \\ &= c_1\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n\lambda_n\mathbf{v}_n \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\mathbf{x}_k = c_1(\lambda_1)^k\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_n(\lambda_n)^k\mathbf{v}_n \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots) \tag{2}$$

**Eigenvector decomposition:** Rewriting a vector  $x_0$  as a linear combination of eigenvectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  of a matrix  $A$ .

# Finding Trajectory by Repeated Transformation [EVD]

EVD can be used to efficiently compute  $A^k$  and thereby bringdown computational complexity!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} .80 & 0 \\ 0 & .64 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_0 = (3,3)$$

Goal: Compute  $x_k = A^k x_0$ .

Solution:

**Step 1:** Find eigenvectors of matrix  $A$ . Let matrix  $V_s$  contain the eigenvectors as columns, sorted by their corresponding eigenvalues.

**Step 2:** Decompose  $x_0$  into scaled components of eigenvalues of  $A$ . How?  $x_0$  would be a linear combination of eigenvectors. Hence,  $V_s c = x_0$ , for some column vector  $c$ . Solve for  $c$  by:  $c = V_s^{-1} x_0$ .

**Step 3:** With  $c = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$  obtained, use the result of previous slide to generalise an expression for  $x_k$ .

$$\mathbf{x}_k = c_1 \underset{\lambda_1}{(.8)^k} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \underset{\lambda_2}{(.64)^k} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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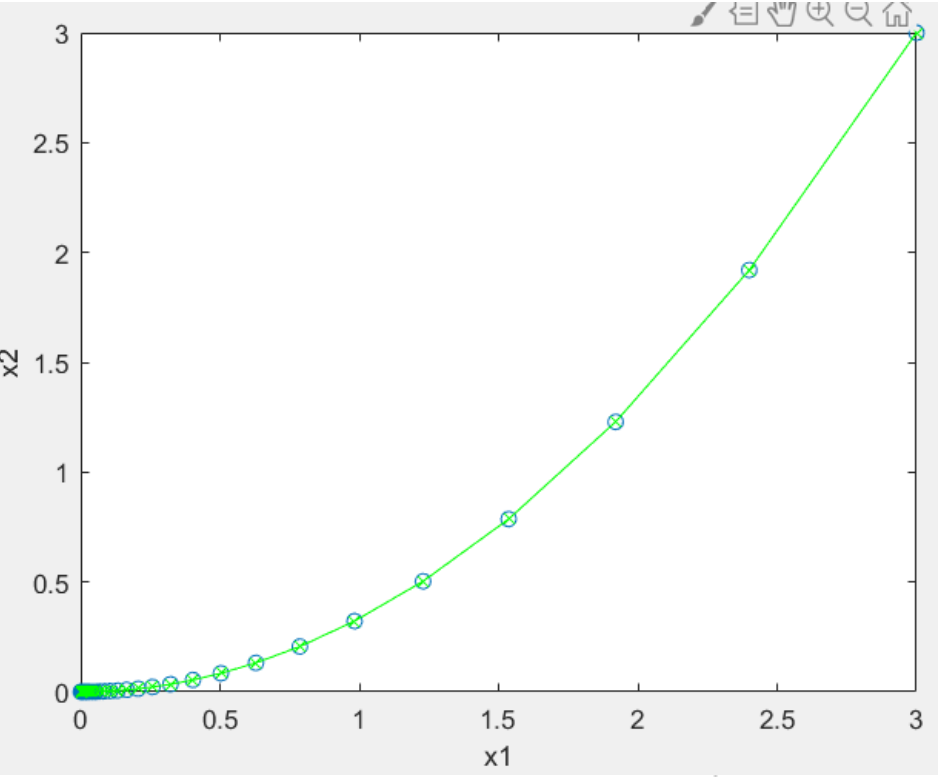
% sort the eigenvalues - remember Matlab does not sort eigenvalue
[d,ind] = sort(diag(D),'descend')
Ds = D(ind,ind)
Vs = V(:,ind)

x0 = [3 3]';

% Using Example 2 process Lay, pg 303
%  $x_k = c_1(\lambda_1)^k Vs(1) + c_2 \lambda_2^k vs_2$ 

% Decompose x into basis span by Vs
%  $x = Vs*c$ , therefore  $c = inv(Vs)*x$ 
c = inv(Vs)*x0

N = 100;
hist_x2 = zeros(2,N);
hist_x2(:,1) = x0;
for k=2:N
    hist_x2(:,k) = (c(1)*Ds(1,1)^(k-1)*Vs(:,1)) + (c(2)*Ds(2,2)^(k-1)*Vs(:,2));
end
plot(hist_x2(1,:),hist_x2(2:,:), 'g-x');
```



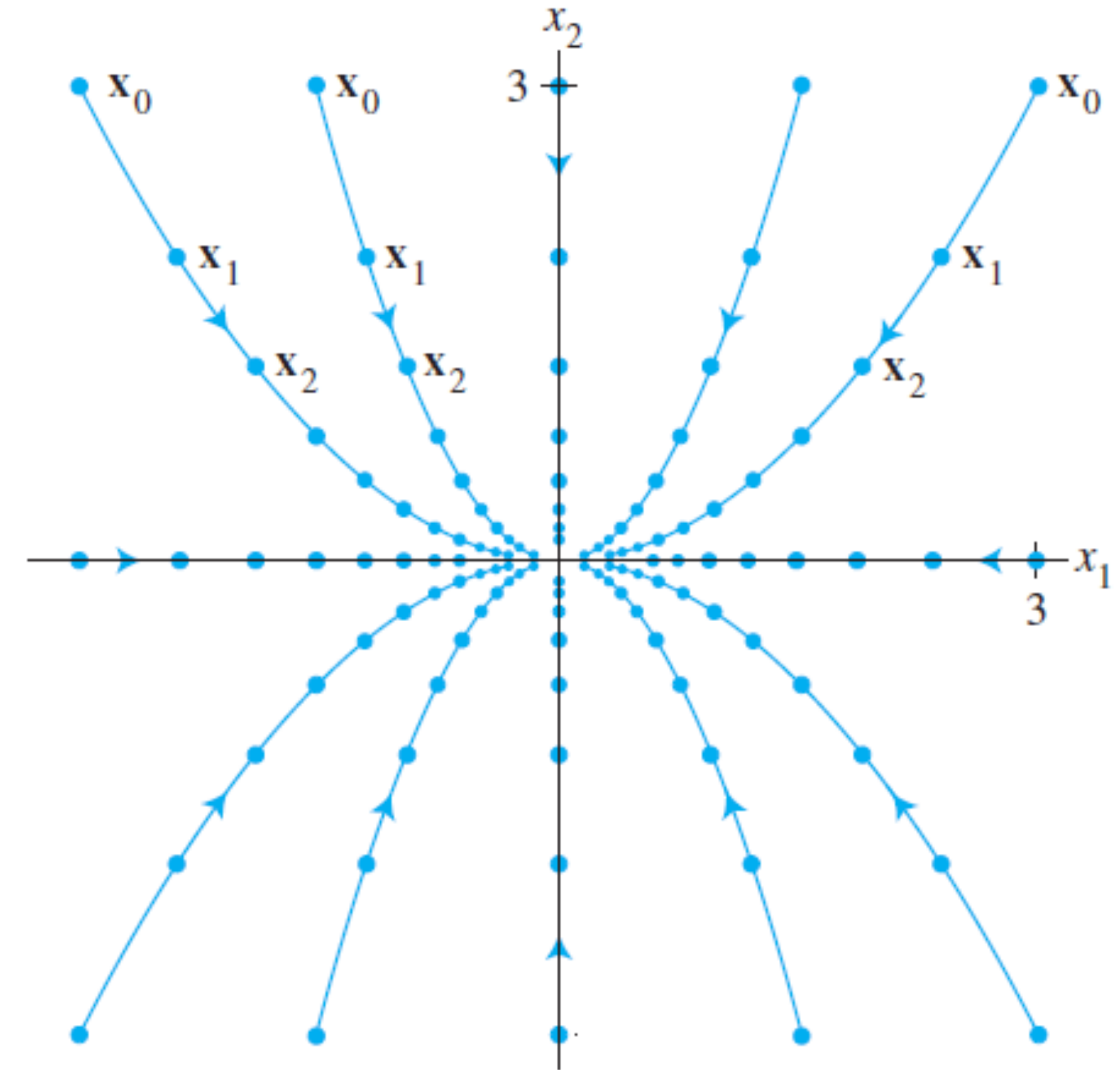
**Computationally less expensive!**



# Example

In Example 2, the origin is called an **attractor** of the dynamical system because all trajectories tend toward  $\mathbf{0}$ . This occurs whenever both eigenvalues are less than 1 in magnitude. The direction of greatest attraction is along the line through  $\mathbf{0}$  and the eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_2$  for the eigenvalue of smaller magnitude.

```
% plotting many starting point
figure
xlim([-4 4]); ylim([-4 4]); xlabel('x1'); ylabel('x2')
grid on;
% plotting several trajectories
for x2 = -3:6:3
    for x1 = -3:1.5:3 % horizontal axis
        x0 = [x1 x2]';
        c = inv(Vs)*x0;
        N = 20;
        hist_x2 = zeros(2,N);
        hist_x2(:,1) = x0;
        for k=2:N
            hist_x2(:,k) = (c(1)*Ds(1,1)^(k-1)*Vs(:,1)) + (c(2)*Ds(2,2)^(k-1)*Vs(:,2));
        end
        plot(hist_x2(1,:),hist_x2(2,:), 'g-x'); hold on;
        pause(0.1); grid on;
    end % of x2
end
```



**FIGURE 1** The origin as an attractor.

# Example



When  $A^k$  happens?  
We hope  $A$  is diagonal.

The following example illustrates that powers of a diagonal matrix are easy to compute.

**EXAMPLE 1** If  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^2 \end{bmatrix}$

and

$$D^3 = DD^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5^3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

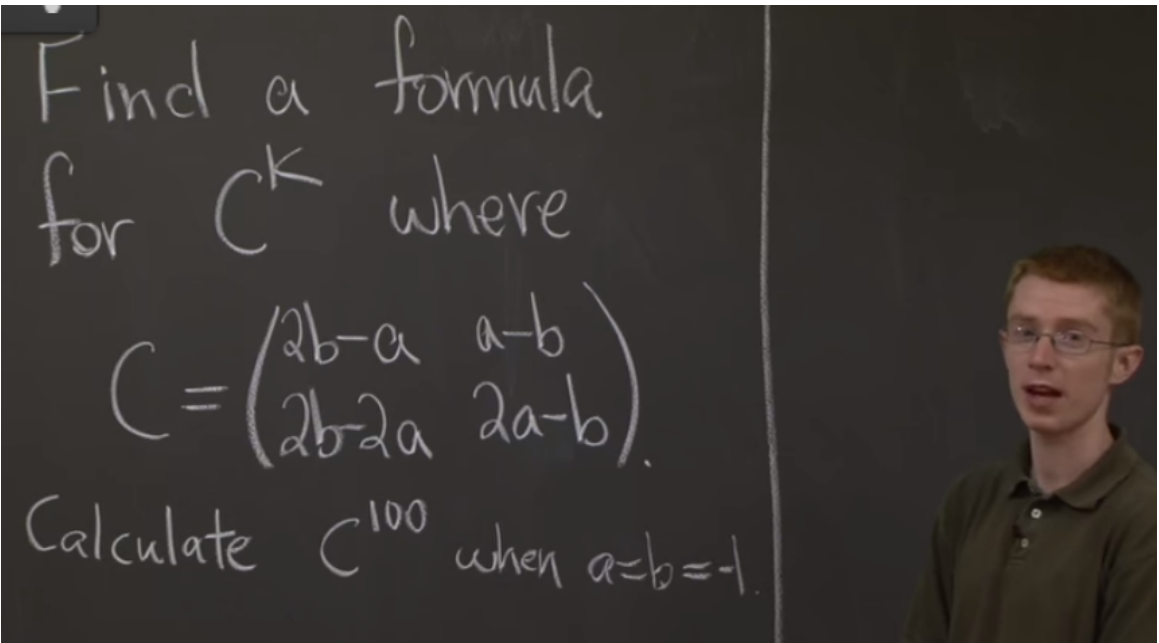
In general,

$$D^k = \begin{bmatrix} 5^k & 0 \\ 0 & 3^k \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } k \geq 1 \quad \blacksquare$$

If  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some invertible  $P$  and diagonal  $D$ , then  $A^k$  is also easy to compute, as the next example shows.

## Problem Solving Video

➤ Watch the recitation video on [Powers of a Matrix](#) (00:09:06)



$$C = SAS^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & +1 \\ +2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$C^k = S\Lambda^k S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a^k & 0 \\ 0 & b^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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