

## 5.3 Solution Curves of Linear Systems

different eigenvalue combos  $\rightarrow$  different curves

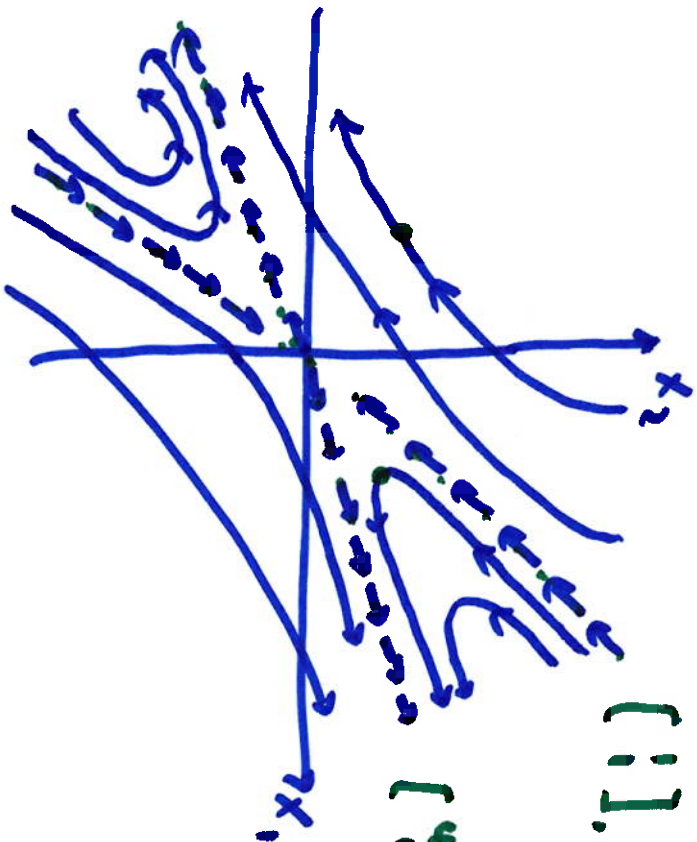
Example

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right\}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda < 0$$

origin is a saddle point

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda > 0$$

$\lambda$ 's opposite  
in signs

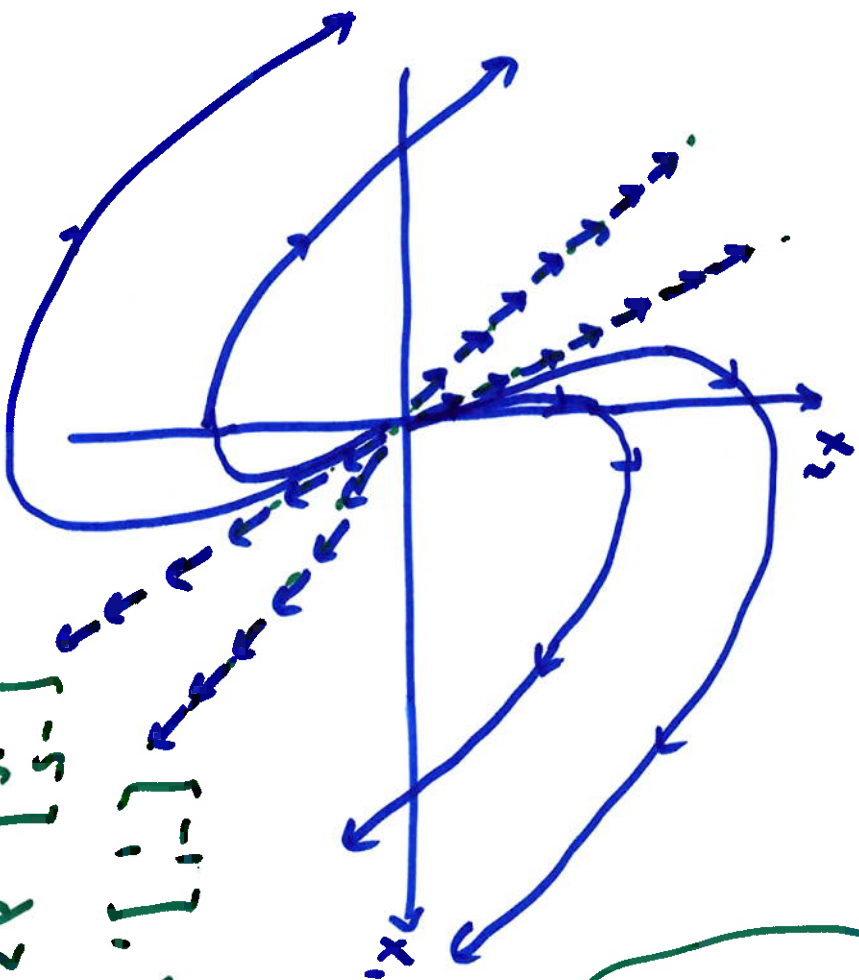
Example

$$\dot{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 22 & 5 \\ -19 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 17, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda > 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda > 0$$

harder to see how solutions  
leaving origin will go  $\rightarrow$  which  
asymptote to follow?

$\rightarrow$  when  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$e^{17t} \gg e^{3t}$$

so  $t \rightarrow \infty$  means follow  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
so, leaving origin we follow

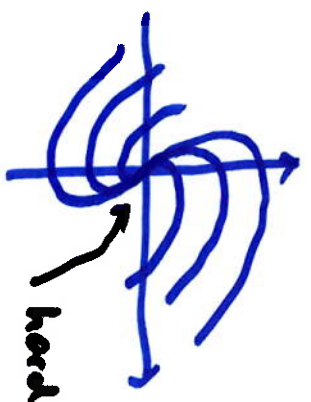
$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

the origin here is called

an improper source

sink if both  $\lambda < 0$

"improper" because multiple solutions follow the same asymptote  
 leaving or entering origin



hard to tell solutions apart

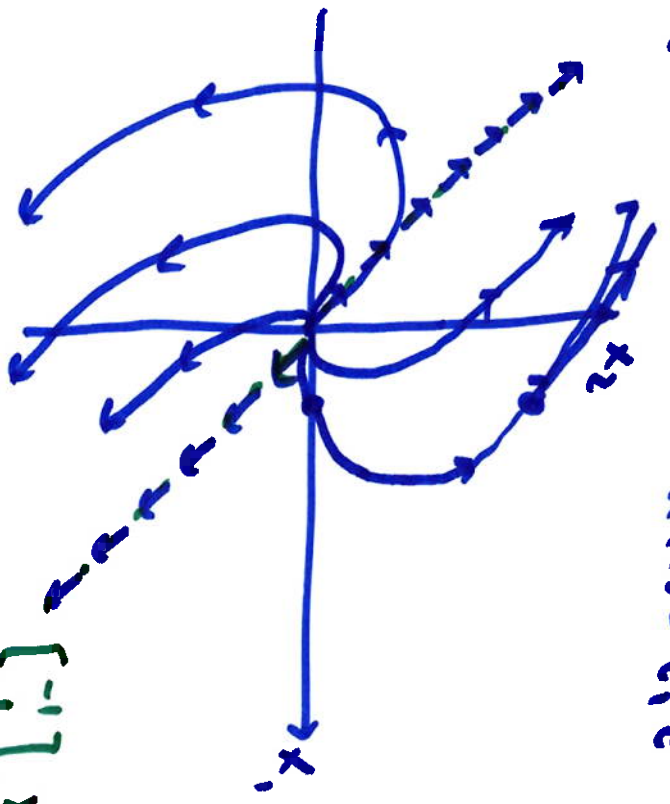
improper source/sink  $\rightarrow \lambda$ 's same sign

Example  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$\lambda = 4, 4$  only one "real" eigenvector  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

General solution  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{4t} (t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \vec{v}_2)$

can't see it



again, improper node (source here)

$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda > 0$

use the matrix to help visualization

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} x$$

choose  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x \rightarrow x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$  right 1, up 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x \rightarrow x' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

improper source/sink also when  $\lambda$ 's repeated,  $A$  defective

example  $x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$

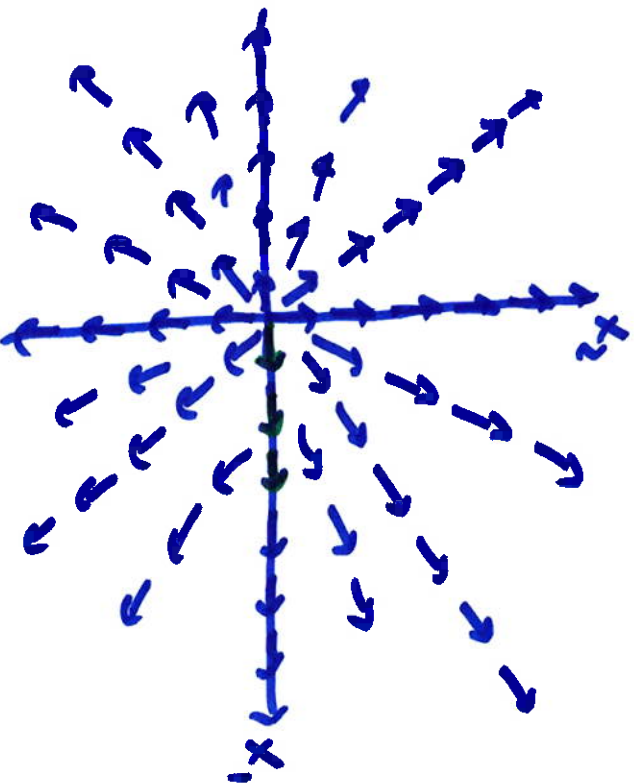
$$\lambda = 1, 1 \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \text{ is complete}$$

use  $x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$  for the rest

if  $x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x' = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad x' = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$



proper source

repeated  $\lambda$ 's, complete  $A$

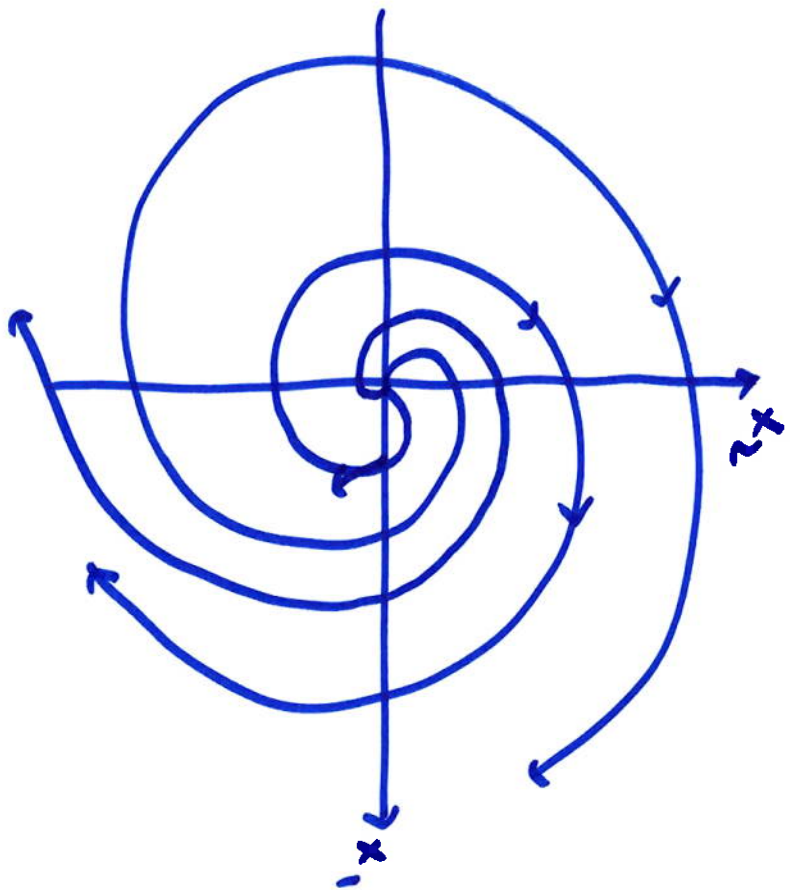
Complex: spirals out if  $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$   
 spirals in if  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$   
 ovals if  $\text{Re}(\lambda) = 0$

example  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$\lambda_1 = 1-i, \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda_2 = 1+i, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix}$



here, spirals out

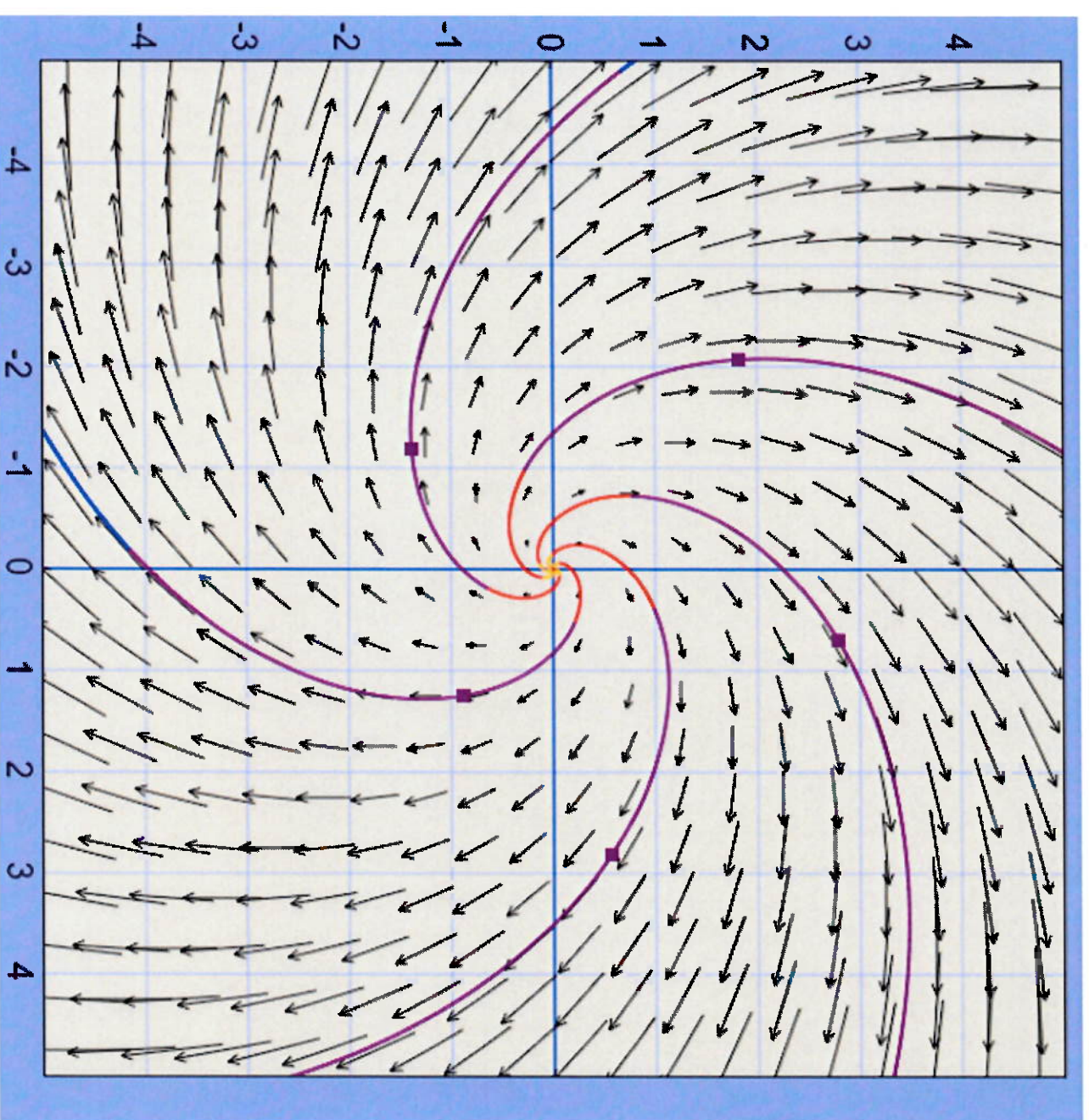
but cw or ccw?

back to  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

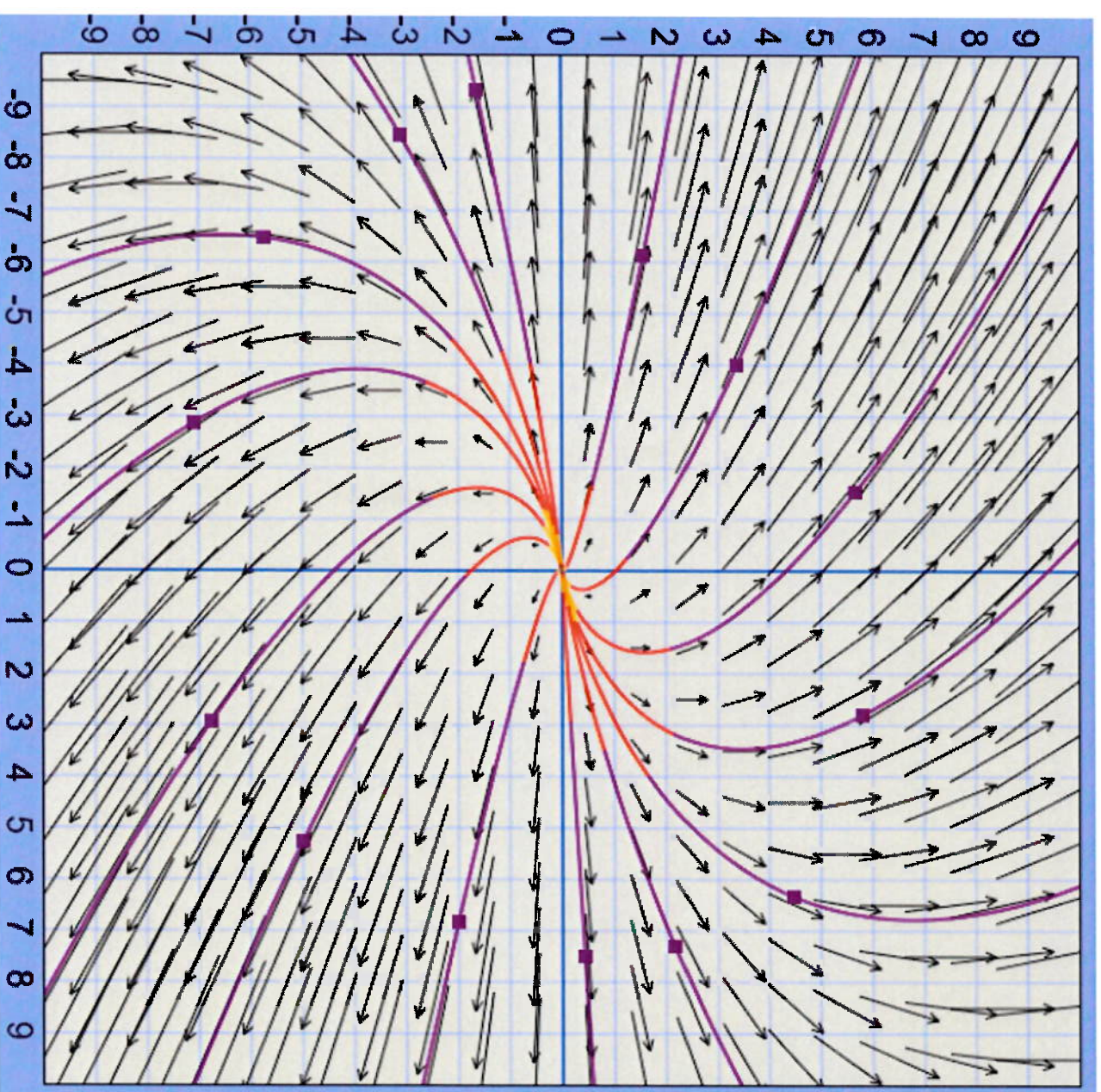
at  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

so cw

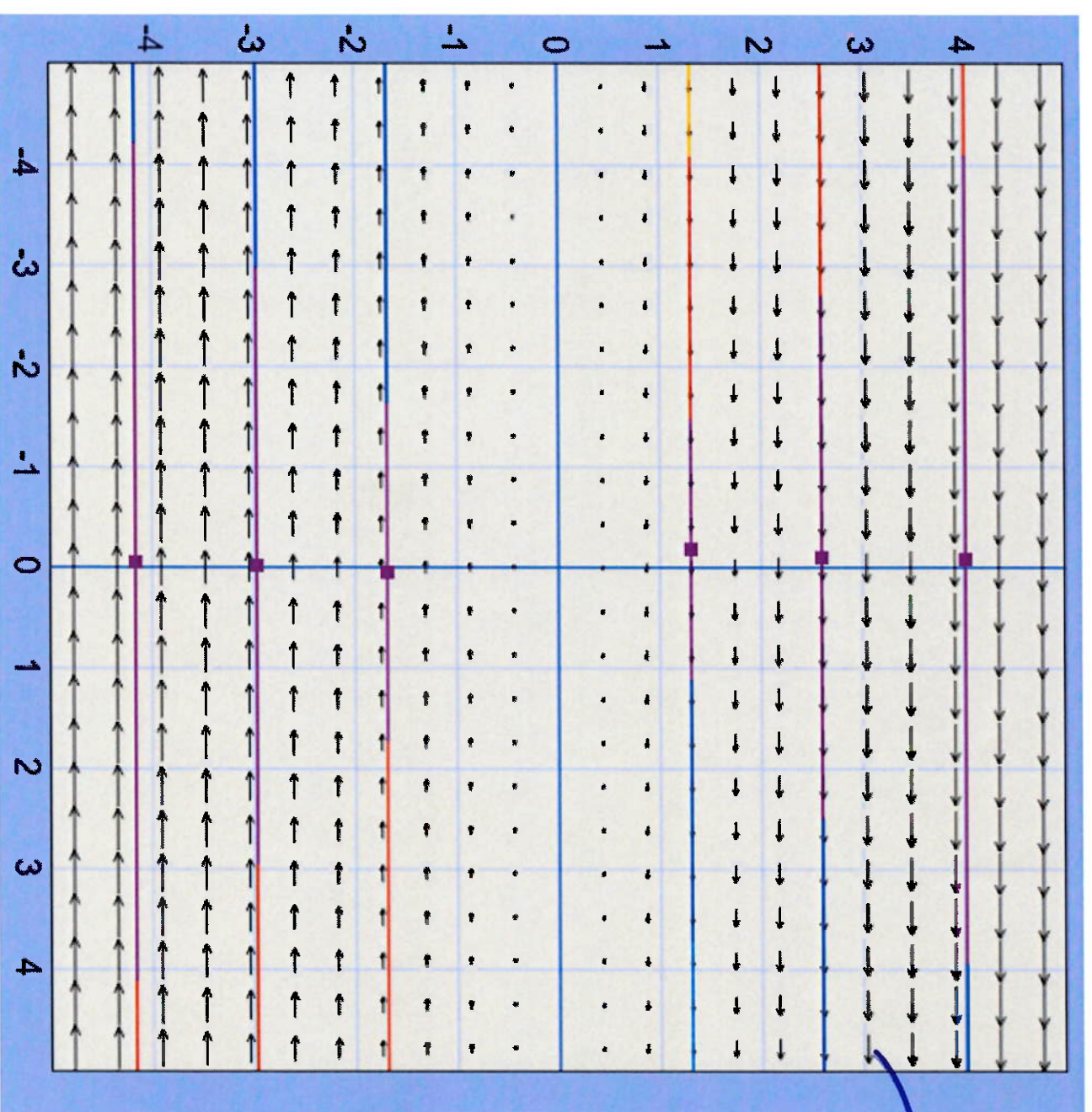
right!, down!



$\lambda$ 's complex  
 $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$   
can't see eigenvectors  
in picture



$\lambda$ : real, positive (both)  
 straight line:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 is one eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 no other straight lines  
 that solutions use as  
 asymptotes  
 so, probably repeated  $\lambda$   
 w/ defective  $A$



$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+bt \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = \text{constant} = C_2$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

$$X' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X$$

$$\lambda = 0, 0$$