

## 7.5 Homogeneous Systems with Constant Coefficients

solve  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$        $A$ : constant  $n \times n$  matrix

$y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0$  is equivalent to

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$(\vec{x}_1 = y, \vec{x}_2 = y')$$

should have the same solution

→ characteristic eq:  $t^2 + 5t + 6 = 0$   
 $(t+2)(t+3) = 0$   
 $t = -2, t = -3$

Solution  $y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-3t} \rightarrow x_1(t)$  in  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$   
 $y' = -2c_1 e^{-2t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t} \rightarrow x_2(t)$  in  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

rewrite:  $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution of  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -6 & -5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-\lambda)(-5-\lambda) + 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

characteristic eq

$$\lambda = -2, \lambda = -3$$

$$\underline{\lambda = -2} \quad (A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -6 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$v_2 = r$$

$$v_1 = -\frac{1}{2}r$$

$$\vec{v} = r \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (r = -2)$$

Similarly,  $\lambda = -3$  has  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

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In general,  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  where  $A$  is a constant  $n \times n$  matrix

Solution is  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \vec{v}_n$

$\lambda_i$  : eigenvalues

$\vec{v}_n$  : corresponding eigenvalues  
eigenvectors

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

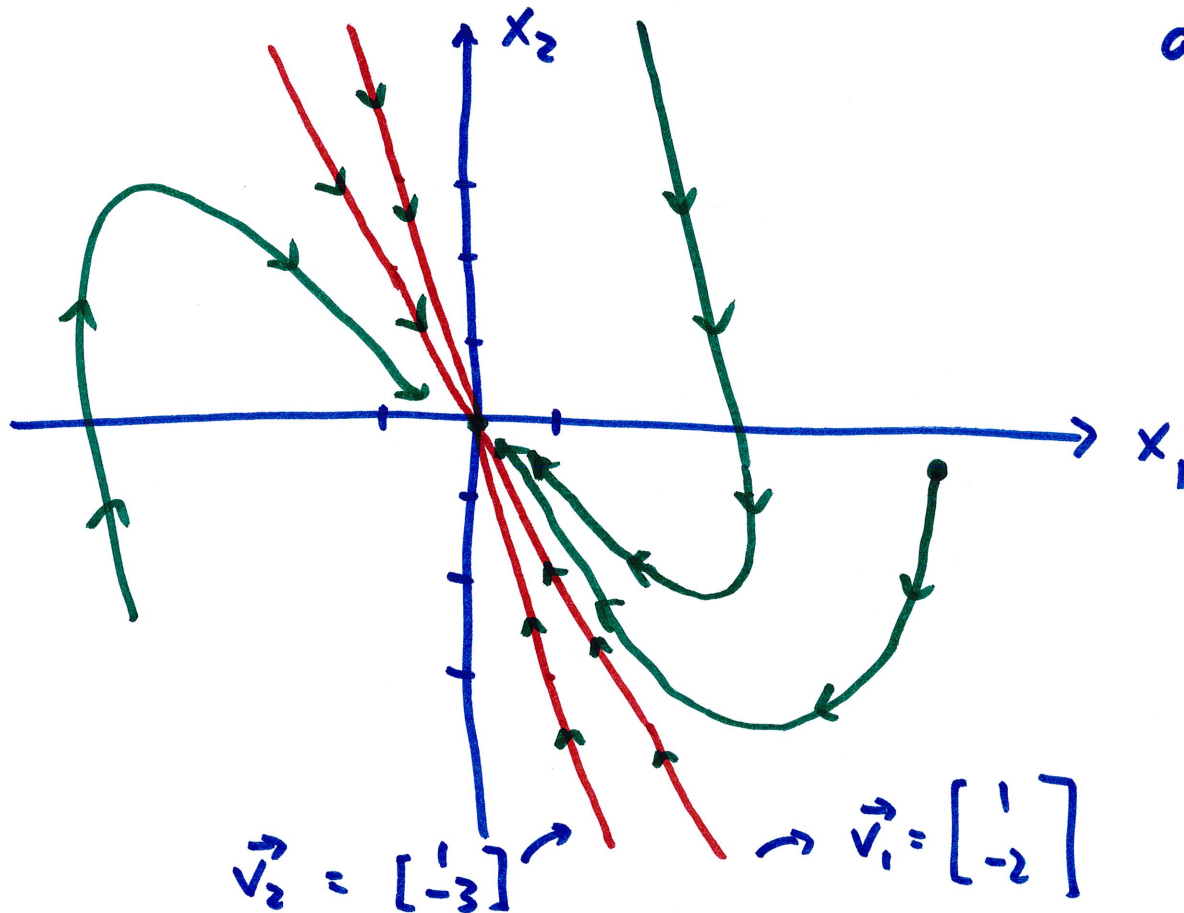
has solution  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

note:  $t \rightarrow \infty \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

origin is  
a stable node  
 asymptotically

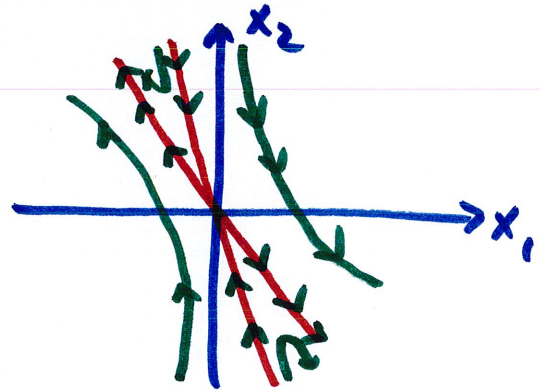
phase portrait (plot of  $x_1$  vs  $x_2$ )



if eigenvalue is positive, solution will move away from origin

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 < 0 \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$



origin is a saddle point

example

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

find eigenvalue / eigenvector pairs

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ -1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 4 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3-\lambda \\ 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda)[(3-\lambda)(-2-\lambda)+2] + [(-2)(-2-\lambda)-8] - [(-2)(-1)-(4)(3-\lambda)] = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda)(\lambda^2-\lambda-4) + (2\lambda-4) - (4\lambda-10) = 0$$

$$3\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 12 - \lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2\lambda - 4 - 4\lambda + 10 = 0$$

$$-\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 - \lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + \lambda + \boxed{6} = 0$$

factors: 1, 6 or -1, -6  
2, 3 or -2, -3

try  $\lambda = 1$

$$1 - 4 + 1 + 6 \neq 0$$

try  $\lambda = -1$

$$-1 - 4 - 1 + 6 = 0 \quad \lambda = -1 \text{ is a solution}$$

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

rearrange  $\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + \lambda + 6 = 0$  to factor  $\lambda + 1$  by grouping

at least one is  
a root

$$\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 5\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2(\lambda+1) - 5\lambda(\lambda+1) + 6(\lambda+1) = 0$$

$$(\lambda+1)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6) = 0$$

$$(\lambda+1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3) = 0 \quad \text{e-values: } \lambda = -1, 2, 3$$

$$\underline{\lambda = -1} \quad (A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$v_3 = r$$

$$v_2 = -\frac{3}{7}r$$

$$v_1 = 2v_2 + v_3 = \frac{1}{7}r$$

choose  $r=7$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly,  $\lambda = 2 \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda = 3 \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  has solutions of the form  $\vec{v}e^{rt}$

just like  $y' = ay$  has solution of the form  $e^{rt}$

$t\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  is analogous to Euler equation

$$t^2 y'' + \alpha t y' + \beta y = 0$$

↳ solutions  $|t|^r$

↳ has solutions of the form  $\vec{x} = \vec{v} t^r$



$$t \vec{x}' = A \vec{x}$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{v} t^r \rightarrow \vec{x}' = \vec{v} r t^{r-1}$$

sub into  $t \vec{x}' = A \vec{x}$

$$t \vec{v} r t^{r-1} = A \vec{v} t^r$$

$$r \vec{v} t^r = A \vec{v} t^r$$

$t^r \neq 0$  in general

divide by  $t^r$

$$r \vec{v} = A \vec{v}$$

$$(A - rI) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\det(A - rI) = 0$$

}  $r$  : eigenvalues  
 $\vec{v}$  : corresponding eigenvectors

solution: (2x2)  $\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \vec{v}_1 t^{r_1} + C_2 \vec{v}_2 t^{r_2}$