

§ Critical points

$$\bar{y}' = Ay$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{dy_2/dt}{dy_1/dt} = \frac{y_2'}{y_1'} = \frac{a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2}{a_{11}y_1 + a_{12}y_2} \quad : \text{tangent direction at } P(y_1, y_2)$$

What about $P(y_1, y_2) = P(0, 0)$: $\frac{dy_2}{dy_1} = \frac{0}{0}$: undetermined

- Critical point : a point at which $\frac{dy_2}{dy_1}$ becomes undetermined.

§ Five types of Critical Points

(1) Improper node

: Almost all the trajectories have the same limiting direction of the tangent.

Ex. 1: As $t \rightarrow \infty$.
(0, 0)
↑
Improper node

$$\bar{y} \rightarrow c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

limiting direction = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

except when $c_1 = 0$: $\bar{y} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(2) Proper node

: Every trajectory has a definite limiting direction
↳ for any given direction d at P_0 , there is a trajectory having d as its limiting direction

Ex. 2 $\bar{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{y}$ $\bar{y} = \bar{x} e^{\lambda t}$ $\begin{cases} y_1' = y_1 \\ y_2' = y_2 \end{cases}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 = 0$$

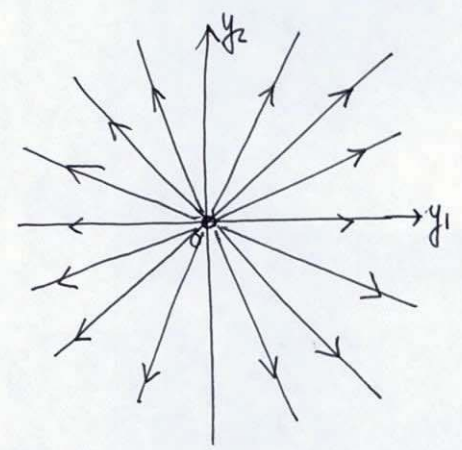
$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1.$$

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\bar{y} = c_1 \bar{x}^{(1)} e^t + c_2 \bar{x}^{(2)} e^t. \quad \begin{cases} \bar{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \bar{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = c_1 e^t \\ y_2 = c_2 e^t \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = c$$



(3) Saddle point

: There are two incoming trajectories, two outgoing trajectories, and all the other trajectories in a neighborhood of P_0 bypass P_0 .

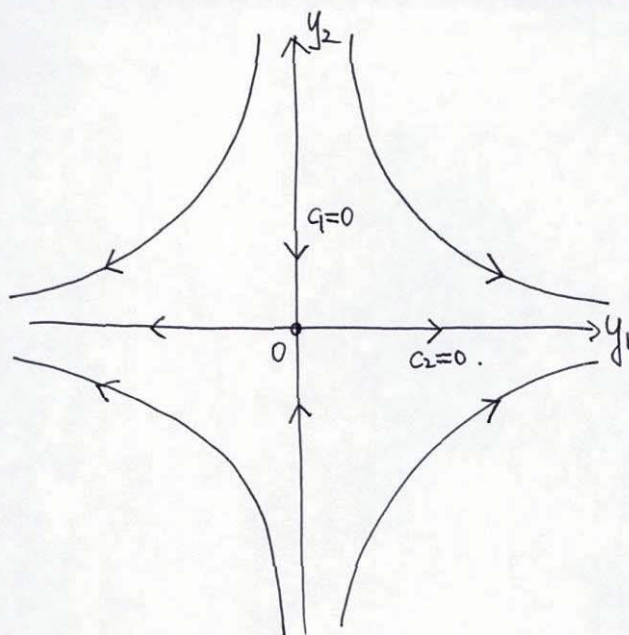
Ex. 3 $\bar{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{y}$ $\bar{y} = \bar{x} e^{\lambda t}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) = -1 + \lambda^2 = 0$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad \bar{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}. \quad \begin{cases} y_1 = c_1 e^t \\ y_2 = c_2 e^{-t} \end{cases} \quad y_1 y_2 = \text{const.}$$



(4) Center

Enclosed by infinitely many closed trajectories

$$\bar{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bar{y}, \quad \begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = -4y_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -4 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 4 = 0. \quad \lambda_1 = -2i, \quad \lambda_2 = 2i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -4 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda x_1 + x_2 \\ -4x_1 - \lambda x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_1: & \quad 2ix_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_2: & \quad -2ix_1 + x_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = -2i$$

$$x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = 2i$$

$$\bar{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{y} = c_1 \bar{x}^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \bar{x}^{(2)} e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$= c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{bmatrix} e^{-2it} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix} e^{2it}$$

$$y_1 = c_1 e^{-2it} + c_2 e^{2it}$$

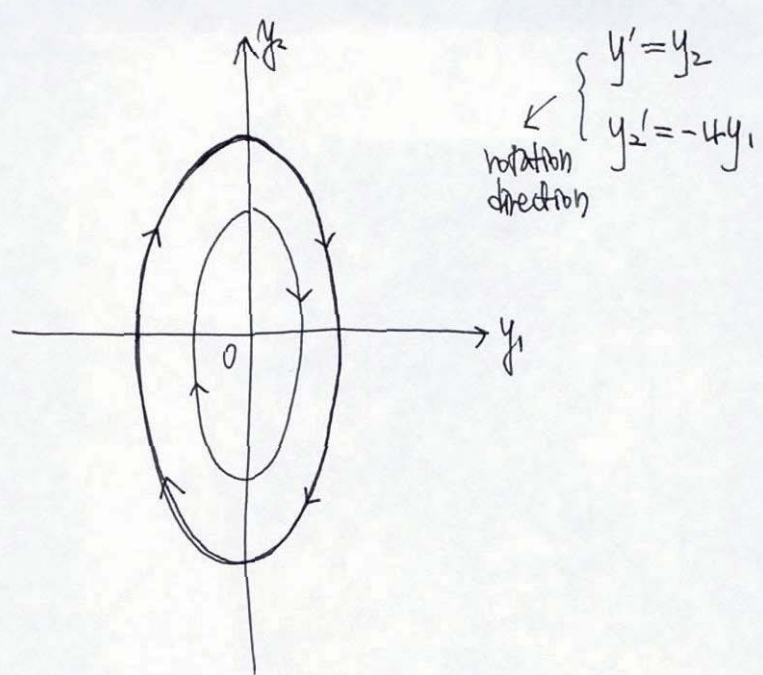
$$y_2 = c_1 (-2i) e^{-2it} + c_2 (2i) e^{2it}$$

Shortcut: $-4y_1 y_2' = y_2 y_2'$

Integrating $-2y_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} y_2^2 + C^*$

$$2y_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} y_2^2 = \tilde{C}$$

$$y_1^2 + \frac{1}{4} y_2^2 = C^*$$



(b) Spiral point

: about which the trajectories spiral, approaching p_0 as $t \rightarrow \infty$ (or in the opposite sense)

Ex. 5.

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

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

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

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0 \Rightarrow (-1 - \lambda)x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 \Rightarrow \vec{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 \Rightarrow \vec{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1+i)t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} e^{(-1-i)t}$$

shortcut:

$$y_1' = -y_1 + y_2 \quad \times y_1 \Rightarrow y_1 y_1' = -y_1^2 + y_1 y_2$$

$$y_2' = -y_1 - y_2 \quad \times y_2 \Rightarrow y_2 y_2' = -y_1 y_2 - y_2^2$$

$$y_1 y_1' + y_2 y_2' = -(y_1^2 + y_2^2)$$

Let $r^2 = y_1^2 + y_2^2$

$(r^2)' = 2y_1 y_1' + 2y_2 y_2'$

$\therefore \frac{1}{2}(r^2)' = -r^2$

by the way, ~~$\frac{1}{2}(r^2)' = -r^2$~~ $\frac{1}{2}(r^2)' = rr'$

$rr' = -r^2$

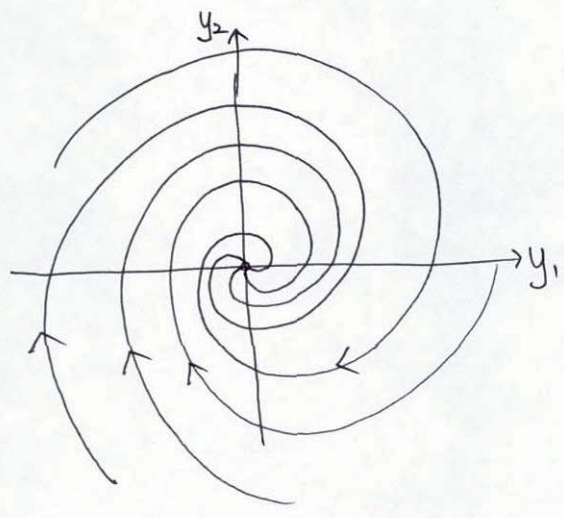
$r' = -r$

$\frac{dr}{dt} = -r$

$\frac{dr}{r} = -dt$

$\ln r = -t + \tilde{c}$

$r = ce^{-t}$



* No Basis of Eigenvectors Available

• Eigenvectors always independent \rightarrow "basis"

if A : symmetric ($a_{jk} = a_{kj}$)

skew-symmetric ($a_{jk} = -a_{kj}$, $a_{jj} = 0$)

• Suppose $n \times n$ matrix A

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - \mu)^2 \dots = 0.$$

$\lambda = \mu$: double eigenvalue

\hookrightarrow one eigenvector

first solution $\bar{y}^{(1)} = \bar{x} e^{\mu t}$

second indep. solution

$$\bar{y}^{(2)} = \bar{x} t e^{\mu t} + \bar{u} e^{\mu t}$$

$$\bar{y}^{(2)'} = \bar{x} e^{\mu t} + \mu \bar{x} t e^{\mu t} + \mu \bar{u} e^{\mu t}$$

$$= A \bar{y}^{(2)} = A(\bar{x} t e^{\mu t} + \bar{u} e^{\mu t}) = A \bar{x} t e^{\mu t} + A \bar{u} e^{\mu t}$$

Recall $A \bar{x} = \mu \bar{x}$ (μ : eigenvalue)

$$\bar{x} e^{\mu t} + \mu \bar{u} e^{\mu t} = A \bar{u} e^{\mu t}$$

$$\bar{x} + \mu \bar{u} = A \bar{u}$$

$$(A - \mu I) \bar{u} = \bar{x}$$

Solve for $\bar{u} \rightarrow \bar{y}^{(2)}$ obtained

Ex. 6.

$$\dot{\bar{y}} = A\bar{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \bar{y}$$

$$\text{Try } \bar{y} = \bar{x}e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 1 \\ = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9 = (\lambda - 3)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 3 = \mu$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad : \quad x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$\bar{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

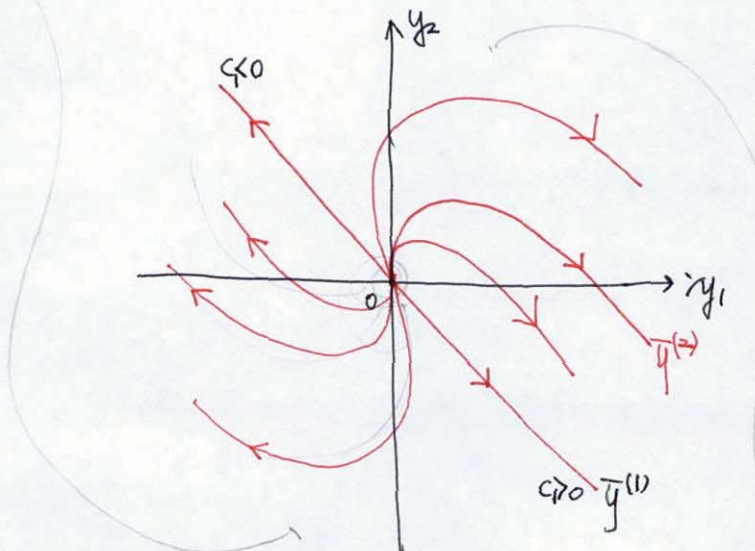
second indep. sol. $\bar{y}^{(2)} = \bar{x}te^{\mu t} + \bar{u}e^{\mu t}$

$$(A - \mu I)\bar{u} = -\bar{x}$$

$$(A - 3I)\bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 + u_2 &= -1 \\ -u_1 - u_2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad \therefore \bar{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{y} = c_1 \bar{y}^{(1)} + c_2 \bar{y}^{(2)} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{3t}$$



$$c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -t+1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ y_2 = (-1 + \frac{1}{t}) y_1$$

$c_1, c_2 \neq 0 : t \rightarrow 0$
 $y_1 = c_1$
 $y_2 = -c_1 + c_2$
 $\rightarrow -y_1 + c_2$
slope $\rightarrow -1$ as $t \rightarrow 0$

degenerate (improper) node

What if $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - \mu)^3 \dots = 0$: triple eigenvalue
and only one eigenvector \bar{x}

$$y^{(1)} = \bar{x} e^{\mu t}$$

$$y^{(2)} = \bar{x} t e^{\mu t} + \bar{u} e^{\mu t} \quad : (A - \mu I) \bar{u} = \bar{x}$$

$$y^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{x} t^2 e^{\mu t} + \bar{u} t e^{\mu t} + \bar{v} e^{\mu t} \quad : (A - \mu I) \bar{v} = \bar{u}$$

What if $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - \mu)^2 \dots = 0$
 \hookrightarrow two linearly indep. eigenvectors
 $\bar{x}^{(1)}, \bar{x}^{(2)}$

$$y^{(1)} = \bar{x}^{(1)} e^{\mu t}$$

$$y^{(2)} = \bar{x}^{(2)} e^{\mu t}$$

$$y^{(3)} = \bar{x} t e^{\mu t} + \bar{u} e^{\mu t} \quad \bar{x} = c_1 \bar{x}^{(1)} + c_2 \bar{x}^{(2)}$$

$$(A - \mu I) \bar{u} = \bar{x}$$

4. Criteria for Critical Points. Stability

* Criteria for types of critical points

\uparrow determined by eigenvalues

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22}) \lambda + \det A = 0$$

$$p = a_{11} + a_{22},$$

$$q = \det A = a_{11} a_{22} - a_{12} a_{21}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - p \lambda + q = 0. \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = p \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = q \end{array} \right] \quad \Delta = p^2 - 4q.$$