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The equilibrium solution for this system of equations is  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ *x*2 ]  $= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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Semi-generic ex: Given that the solution to to  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  is  $\mathbf{x} = c_1$ [ *−*1 3 ]  $e^{r_1 t} + c_2$  $\lceil 0$ 1 ]  $e^{r_2 t}$ 

IVP: 
$$
\begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}
$$
 implies  $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$ . Thus IVP soln:  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Hence  $x_1 = -e^{r_1 t} < 0$  and  $x_2 = 3e^{r_1 t} > 0$ 

and  $\frac{x_2}{x_1} = \frac{3e^{r_1t}}{-e^{r_1t}}$  $\frac{3e^{r_1t}}{-e^{r_1t}} = \frac{3}{-1}$  $\frac{3}{-1}$ . Thus  $x_2 = \frac{3}{-1}$  $\frac{3}{-1}x_1$ .

https://www.geogebra.org/3d (t, -e*∧*(-2t), 3\*e*∧*(-2t))

*x*2 3  $x_1, x_2$ -plane

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]  $e^{r_1 t}$ 



 $\frac{6e^{r_1t}}{-2e^{r_1t}} = \frac{3}{-}$ 

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P \text{ soln: } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{r_1 t}
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x_1, x_2 \text{-plane}
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\text{implies } c_1 = -1, c_2 = 0. \qquad \text{Thus IVP soln: } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = -\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{r_1 t}
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Hence  $x_1 = e^{r_1 t} > 0$  and  $x_2 = -3e^{r_1 t} < 0$ 

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IVP: 
$$
\begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
$$
 implies  $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1$ .

Hence  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = e^{r_2 t} > 0$ 

and 
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\frac{x_2}{x_1} = \frac{1e^{r_2 t}}{0e^{r_2 t}} = \frac{1}{0}
$$
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https://www.geogebra.org/3d  $(t, 0, 0)$ 

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Answer the following questions for *A* =  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 21 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ : The smaller eigenvalue of *A* is  $r_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . An eigenvector corresponding to  $r_1$  is  $\mathbf{v} =$ The larger eigenvalue of *A* is  $r_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . An eigenvector corresponding to  $r_2$  is  $\mathbf{w} =$ 

The general solution to  $\mathbf{x}' =$  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 21 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ **x** is **x** = *c*<sub>1</sub> [ *−*1 3 ]  $e^{-2t} + c_2$  $\lceil 0$ 1 ]  $e^{5t}$ 

For large **positive** values of *t* which is larger:  $e^{-2t}$  or  $e^{5t}$ ?

For the following problems, consider the case when  $c_1 \neq 0$  and  $c_2 \neq 0$ .

For large **positive** values of  $t$ , which term dominates: [ *−*1

Thus for large **positive** values of *t*, such trajectories (where  $c_1c_2 \neq 0$ ) when projected into the  $x_1, x_2$ plane exhibit the following behavior (select all that apply):

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- \* moves away from the origin.
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Answer the following questions for *A* = [ *−*2 0 *−*9 *−*5 ] : The smaller eigenvalue of *A* is  $r_1 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . An eigenvector corresponding to  $r_1$  is  $\mathbf{v} =$ The larger eigenvalue of *A* is  $r_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . An eigenvector corresponding to  $r_2$  is  $\mathbf{w} =$ 

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For large **positive** values of *t* which is larger:  $e^{2t}$  or  $e^{5t}$ ?

For the following problems, consider the case when  $c_1 \neq 0$  and  $c_2 \neq 0$  where the general solution is  $\mathbf{x} = c_1$ [ *−*1 3 ]  $e^{2t} + c_2$  $\lceil 0$ 1 ]  $e^{5t}$ 

For large **positive** values of  $t$ , which term dominates:

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For large **negative** values of *t*, which term dominates: *c*<sup>1</sup>

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Find the **equilibrium solution(s)** for  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ *(Recall equilibrium solns are constant solns)* Recall a solution is an equilibrium solution if  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{C}$  iff  $\mathbf{x}'(t) = 0$ 

Setting  $\mathbf{x}' = 0$ , implies  $\mathbf{0} = A\mathbf{x}$ .

Thus  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{C}$  is an equilibrium solution iff it is a solution to  $\mathbf{0} = A\mathbf{x}$ .

Case 1 (not emphasized/covered):  $det(A) = 0$ .

In this case,  $A$ **x** = 0 has an infinite number of solutions. Note this case corresponds to the case when 0 is an eigenvalue of *A* since there are nonzero solutions to  $A$ **v** = 0**v** 

Case 2:  $det(A) \neq 0$ .

Then  $A$ **x** = **0** has a unique solution, **x** =

Thus if  $det(A) \neq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x} =$  is the only equilibrium solution of  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ 

Slope fields:

\* For complex eigenvalue case, one slope is needed.

\* For real eigenvalue case, 0 and *∞* slopes can be helpful and can catch graphing errors, but your graph does **not** need to be that accurate.

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 $dx_2$  $\frac{d}{dt} =$ 

*dx*<sup>2</sup>  $dx_1$ =

Slope 0:

Slope *∞*: