

Ch 7 and 9

Suppose an object moves in the 2D plane (the x_1, x_2 plane) so that it is at the point $(x_1(t), x_2(t))$ at time t . Suppose the object's velocity is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= ax_1 + bx_2, \\ x_2'(t) &= cx_1 + dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

Or in matrix form $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

To solve, find eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors:

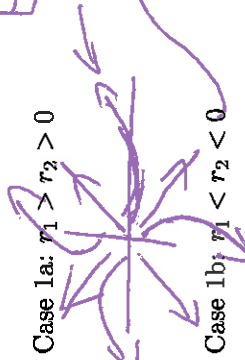
$$\begin{vmatrix} a-r & b \\ c & d-r \end{vmatrix} = (a-r)(d-r) - bc = r^2 - (a+d)r + ad - bc = 0.$$

Thus $r = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)}}{2}$

Case 1: $(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) > 0$ Two Real solns
 $\vec{x} = 0$ is a nodal source

Hence the general solutions is $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{r_1 t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{r_2 t}$

Case 1a: $r_1 > r_2 > 0$



Case 1b: $r_1 < r_2 < 0$



Case 1c: $r_2 < 0 < r_1$



$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is the equilibrium saddle pt

Case 2: $(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) = 0$ One repeated e. value
Case 2i: Two independent eigenvectors:
 The general solution is $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{rt} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{rt}$
Case 2ii: One independent eigenvectors:
 The general solution is $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{rt} + c_2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{rt}$
 Case 2a: $r > 0$
 Case 2b: $r < 0$

Case 3: $(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc) < 0$. I.e., $r = \lambda \pm i\mu$

Suppose the eigenvector corresponding to this eigenvalue is

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 + iw_1 \\ v_2 + iw_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

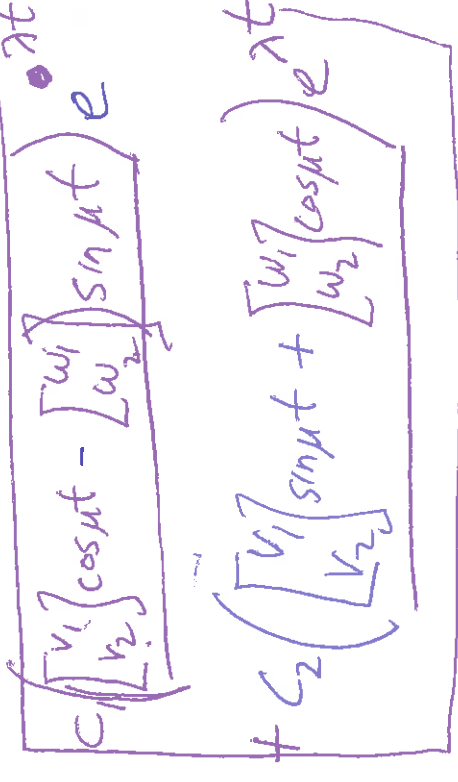
Then general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \cos(\mu t) - w_1 \sin(\mu t) \\ v_2 \cos(\mu t) - w_2 \sin(\mu t) \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \sin(\mu t) + w_1 \cos(\mu t) \\ v_2 \sin(\mu t) + w_2 \cos(\mu t) \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t}$$

Case 3a: $\lambda > 0$

Case 3a: $\lambda < 0$

Case 3a: $\lambda = 0$



$$x' = Ax$$

← special case

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ -b & a - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (a - \lambda)^2 + b^2 = \lambda^2 - 2a\lambda + a^2 + b^2$$

$$\text{Thus } \lambda = \frac{2a \pm \sqrt{4a^2 - 4(a^2 + b^2)}}{2} = \frac{2a \pm \sqrt{-4b^2}}{2} = a \pm bi$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ implies } \begin{cases} x_1' = ax_1 + bx_2 \\ x_2' = -bx_1 + ax_2 \end{cases}$$

Change to polar coordinates: $r^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{x_2}{x_1}$

Take derivative with respect to t of both equations:

$$2rr' = 2x_1x_1' + 2x_2x_2' \text{ implies}$$

$$rr' = x_1(ax_1 + bx_2) + x_2(-bx_1 + ax_2)$$

$$= ax_1^2 + bx_1x_2 - bx_1x_2 + ax_2^2 = a(x_1^2 + x_2^2) = ar^2$$

Thus $rr' = ar^2$ implies $\frac{dr}{dt} = ar$ and thus $r = Ce^{at}$

$$(\sec^2 \theta) \theta' = \frac{x_1x_2' - x_1'x_2}{x_1^2} = \frac{x_1(-bx_1 + ax_2) - (ax_1 + bx_2)x_2}{x_1^2}$$

$$= \frac{-bx_1^2 + ax_1x_2 - ax_1x_2 - bx_2^2}{x_1^2} = \frac{-b(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{x_1^2} = -b \frac{r^2}{x_1^2} = -b \sec^2 \theta$$

$(\sec^2 \theta) \theta' = -b \sec^2 \theta$ implies $\theta' = -b$ and thus $\theta = -bt + \theta_0$

eigen value $\lambda = a \pm bi$

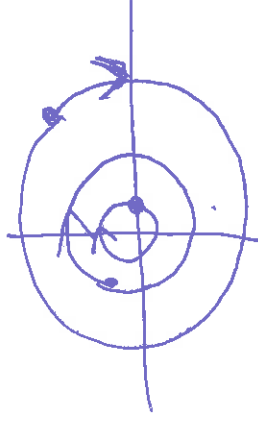
$$a > 0 \Rightarrow r = Ce^{at}$$

$b > 0$ Spiral source $b < 0$



$$a = 0 \Rightarrow r = Ce^{0t} = C$$

$b > 0$

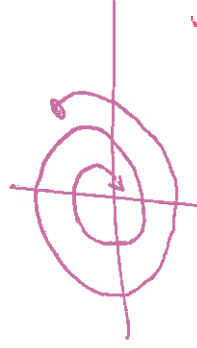


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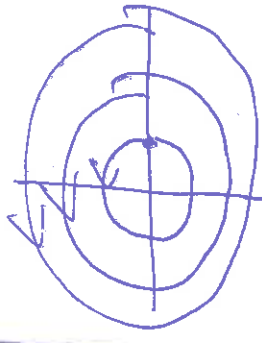
$$a < 0$$

$r = Ce^{at}$
 $a < 0 \Rightarrow r \rightarrow 0$
 $a > 0 \Rightarrow r \rightarrow \infty$

$b > 0$



Spiral sink



$$b < 0$$