

Exam 3 - Solution Key

1. $9y'' + 12y' + 4y = 0$, $y(0) = a > 0$, $y'(0) = -1$.

(a) $y = e^{rt}$; $9r^2 + 12r + 4 = 0$

$$(3r + 2)^2 = 0 \quad r = -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}.$$

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + c_2 t e^{-\frac{2}{3}t}$$

$$y' = -\frac{2}{3}c_1 e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + c_2 e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} - \frac{2}{3}c_2 t e^{-\frac{2}{3}t}$$

To satisfy $y(0) = a$: $c_1 = a$

$y'(0) = -1$: $-\frac{2}{3}c_1 + c_2 = -1 \Rightarrow c_2 = -1 + \frac{2}{3}c_1 = -1 + \frac{2}{3}a$.

$$\therefore y(t) = a e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + \left(\frac{2}{3}a - 1\right) t e^{-\frac{2}{3}t}.$$

(b) The dominant term (as $t \rightarrow +\infty$) is the one with $t e^{-\frac{2}{3}t}$

When that coefficient is negative, solutions will $\rightarrow -\infty$ (which requires that the solution becomes ~~positive~~ negative).

When the coefficient is positive, everything in both terms is positive so the sum is positive (always).

The coefficient of $t e^{-\frac{2}{3}t}$ is $\frac{2}{3}a - 1$.

$$\frac{2}{3}a - 1 = 0 \iff \frac{2}{3}a = 1 \iff a = \frac{3}{2}.$$

2. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) E-values & e-vectors: $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 3 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (2-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) + 3 = \lambda^2 - 1 = (\lambda+1)(\lambda-1) = 0$

$\lambda_1 = 1$: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \vec{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda_2 = -1$: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \vec{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Psi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} \\ e^t & 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Psi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) $\Phi(t) = \Psi(t) \Psi(0)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} \\ e^t & 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3e^t - e^{-t} & -e^t + e^{-t} \\ 3e^t - 3e^{-t} & -e^t + 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad \vec{x}(t) &= \Phi(t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3e^t - e^{-t} & -e^t + e^{-t} \\ 3e^t - 3e^{-t} & -e^t + 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6e^t - 2e^{-t} + e^t - e^{-t} \\ 6e^t - 6e^{-t} + e^t - 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 7e^t - 3e^{-t} \\ 7e^t - 9e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{7}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t - \frac{3}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. We are told that, in effect, one solution is $\vec{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$. Since there is not a second (independent) eigenvector, the second solution will be $\vec{x}^{(2)}(t) = \vec{v}^{(2)} t e^{-t} + \vec{u} e^{-t}$ where \vec{u} is any solution to $(A - \lambda I) \vec{u} = \vec{v}^{(1)}$. That is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 \\ -1/4 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad -\frac{1}{2}u_1 + u_2 = 2 \Rightarrow u_2 = 2 + \frac{1}{2}u_1 \Rightarrow \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ 2 + \frac{1}{2}u_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

With $u_1 = 0$ this becomes $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, and so

$$\vec{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-t} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ t+2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

4. The general solution to the homogeneous equation is: $\vec{x}_h = \Psi(t) \vec{c}$. A particular solution is $\vec{x}_p = \Psi(t) \vec{u}(t)$ where $\Psi(t) \vec{u}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$.

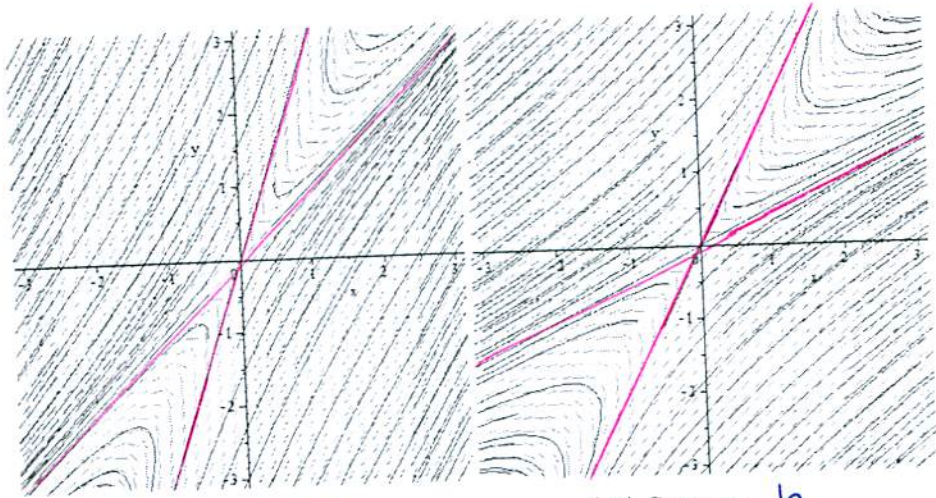
$$\vec{u}'(t) = \Psi(t)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-t} & -e^{-t} \\ -e^t & e^t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3e^t - 1 \\ -e^{3t} + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{1}{2}(3e^t - 1) \Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{3}{2}e^t - \frac{t}{2}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{1}{2}(-e^{3t} + e^{2t}) \Rightarrow u_2 = -\frac{1}{6}e^{3t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{2t}$$

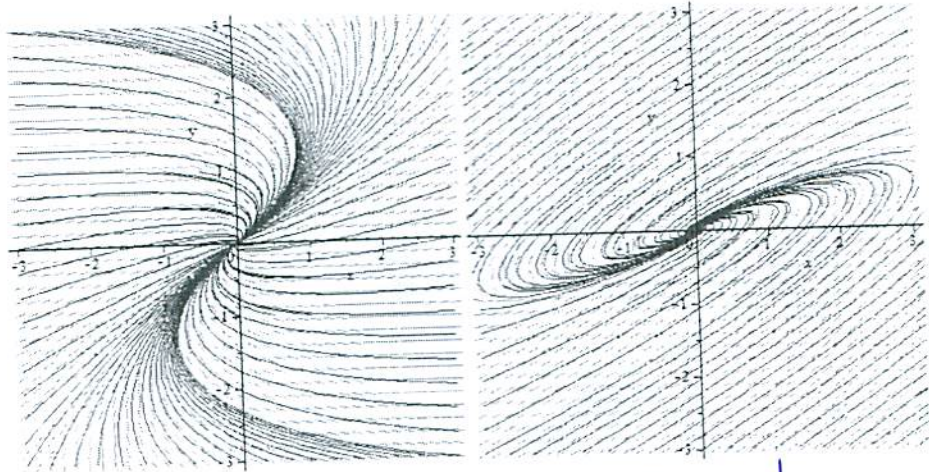
$$\text{So } \vec{x}_p(t) = \Psi(t) \vec{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} \\ e^t & 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}e^t - \frac{t}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{6}e^{3t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}te^t - \frac{1}{6}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{4}e^t \\ \frac{3}{2}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}te^t - \frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + \frac{3}{4}e^t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3}e^{2t} + (\frac{1}{4} - \frac{t}{2})e^t \\ e^{2t} + (\frac{3}{4} - \frac{t}{2})e^t \end{bmatrix}$$



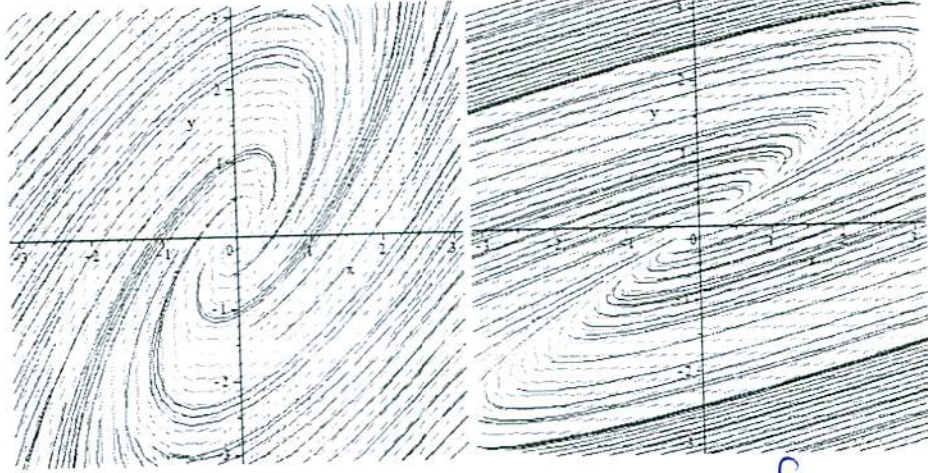
(i) System: a
 Type: saddle
 Stability: unstable
 * straight-line solutions
 are along $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(ii) System: b
 Type: saddle
 Stability: unstable
 * straight line solutions
 are along $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



(iii) System: c
 Type: improper node
 Stability: asymptotically stable
 * notice the heavy
 line along the vector
 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (an eigenvector)
 and at the origin.

(iv) System: d
 Type: spiral
 Stability: asymptotically stable
 * notice how there is a
 pile-up at the origin
 & that there appears to
 be a "blob" at the eq.
 solution.

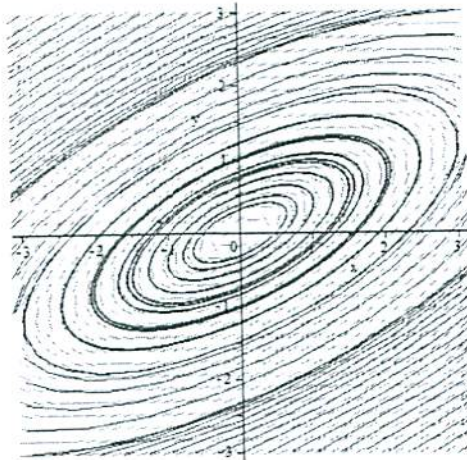


(v) System: e
 Type: spiral
 Stability: unstable

* solutions are moving away from the origin

(vi) System: f
 Type: improper node
 Stability: unstable

* solutions moving away from the origin & not a spiral



(vii) System: g
 Type: center
 Stability: stable

* purely ~~complex~~ imaginary eigenvalues.