

3.3 Real eigenvalue case

$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A \vec{y} \quad \vec{y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad A \text{ is } n \times n \text{ constant matrix}$$

Recall:

- To find sol'ns like $\vec{y}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$, we need $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$

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

λ is eigenvalue
 \vec{v} is eigenvector corresponding to λ .

- When $n=2$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, to find eigenvalues of A , solve characteristic eq.

$$(a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = 0$$

- For each eigenvalue λ , to find eigenvector $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$, need

$$\begin{cases} (a - \lambda)v_1 + bv_2 = 0 \\ cv_1 + (d - \lambda)v_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Take $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ a - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ (as long as it's not $\vec{0}$)

When solving char. eq., possible outcomes:

- 2 distinct real eigenvalues (sec. 3.3)
- 2 distinct complex roots (sec. 3.4)
- 1 multiple real root (sec. 3.5)

assuming this case here!

Assume we get two distinct real eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 , w/ corresponding eigenvectors \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 , then we get two special sol'ns:

$$\vec{Y}_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1, \quad \vec{Y}_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{General sol'n: } \vec{Y}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2.$$

Ex Solve initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy_1}{dt} = -y_2 \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} = -2y_1 + y_2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y_1(0) = -1 \\ y_2(0) = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{Y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(0 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - (-1)(-2) = 0$$

$$-\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = -1}, \quad \underline{\lambda_2 = 2}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Special sol'ns: } \vec{Y}_1(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{Y}_2(t) = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{General sol'n: } \vec{Y}(t) = C_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Initial condition } \Rightarrow C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = -1 \\ C_1 - 2C_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$-3C_2 = 4 \quad C_2 = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$C_1 = -1 - C_2 = -1 + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{Y}(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{4}{3} e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

• Behavior of equilibrium pt $(0,0)$
(in case "2 distinct real eigenvalues")

- One eigenvalue > 0 , another < 0
- Both eigenvalues < 0
- Both eigenvalues > 0
- Some eigenvalue $= 0$ (leave to sec. 3.5)

Case "One eigenvalue > 0 , another < 0 " (saddle)

Say, $\lambda_1 > 0$, $\lambda_2 < 0$

$$\text{Consider } \frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{Y}$$

$$(2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

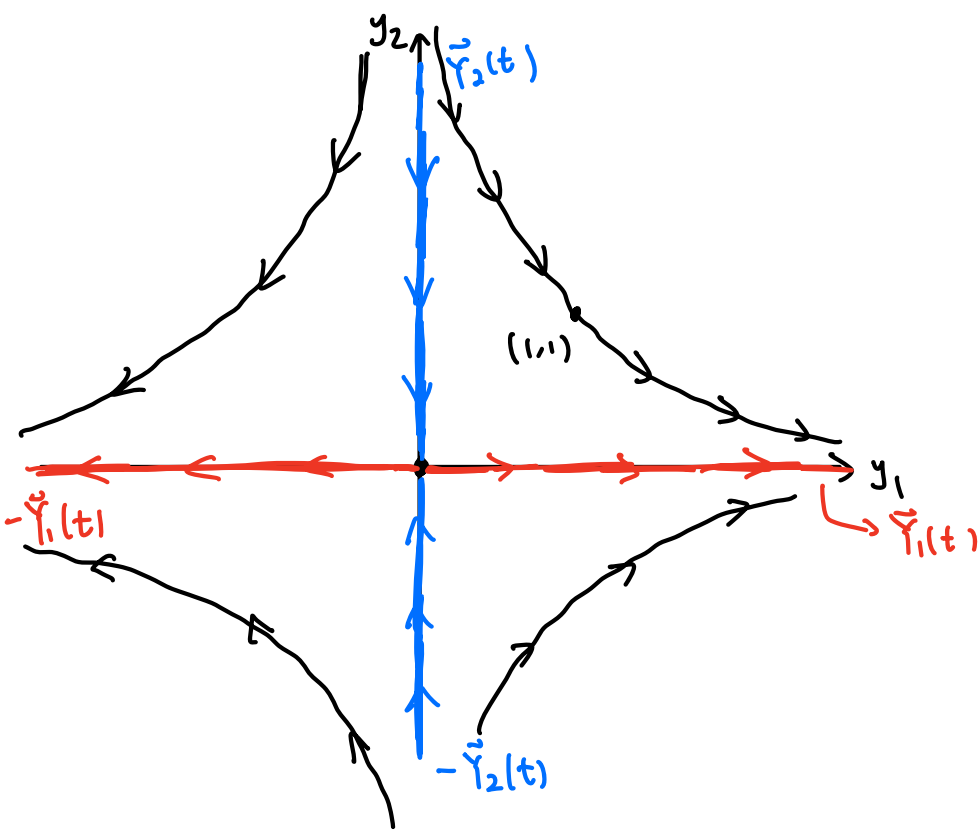
$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\begin{cases} (a-\lambda)v_1 + bv_2 = 0 \\ cv_1 + (d-\lambda)v_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} d-\lambda \\ -c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{Y}_1(t) = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{Y}_2(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{General sol'n: } \vec{Y}(t) = C_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Consider the sol'n w/
 initial condition $\vec{Y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\Rightarrow C_1 = 1, C_2 = 1$
 $\vec{Y}(t) = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$

- In case of a saddle, most sol'n's get away from $(0,0)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ (unless the initial pt is exactly on the straight line corresponding to the negative eigenvalue).
- To sketch phase portrait of a general saddle:
 - Sketch straight line solns \vec{Y}_1, \vec{Y}_2
 - Sketch curves in the 4 regions cut by the lines, and draw arrows.

Ex Draw phase portrait of previous example.

Special solns: $\vec{y}_1(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{y}_2(t) = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

