

Today: Repeated eigenvalues

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Lecture 14

$$\vec{x}' = A \vec{x}$$

So far: $\det(A - rI) = 0$ $\xrightarrow{A_{2 \times 2}}$ $\begin{cases} \text{two real eigenvalues} \rightarrow \text{two distinct eigenvalues} \\ \text{two complex eigenvalues } r = a \pm ib \end{cases}$ repeated eigenvalue
Today

Example 1 . $\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2-r & 0 \\ 0 & 2-r \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (2-r)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2$$

repeated

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_1 \text{ and } v_2 \text{ are both free variables.}$$

Just pick two linearly independent vectors .

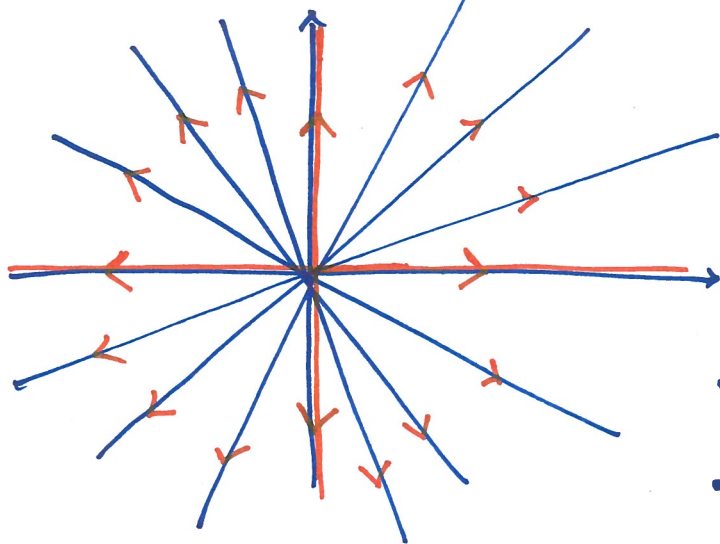
easiest case: $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow x = c_1 e^{2t} \Rightarrow e^{2t} = \frac{x}{c_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_2 e^{2t} = \frac{c_2 x}{c_1}$$

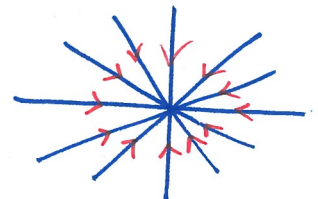
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{c_2}{c_1} x}$$



- origin is unstable ($r > 0$)
- proper node

• if $r < 0 \Rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = c_1 v_1 e^{rt} + c_2 v_2 e^{rt}$

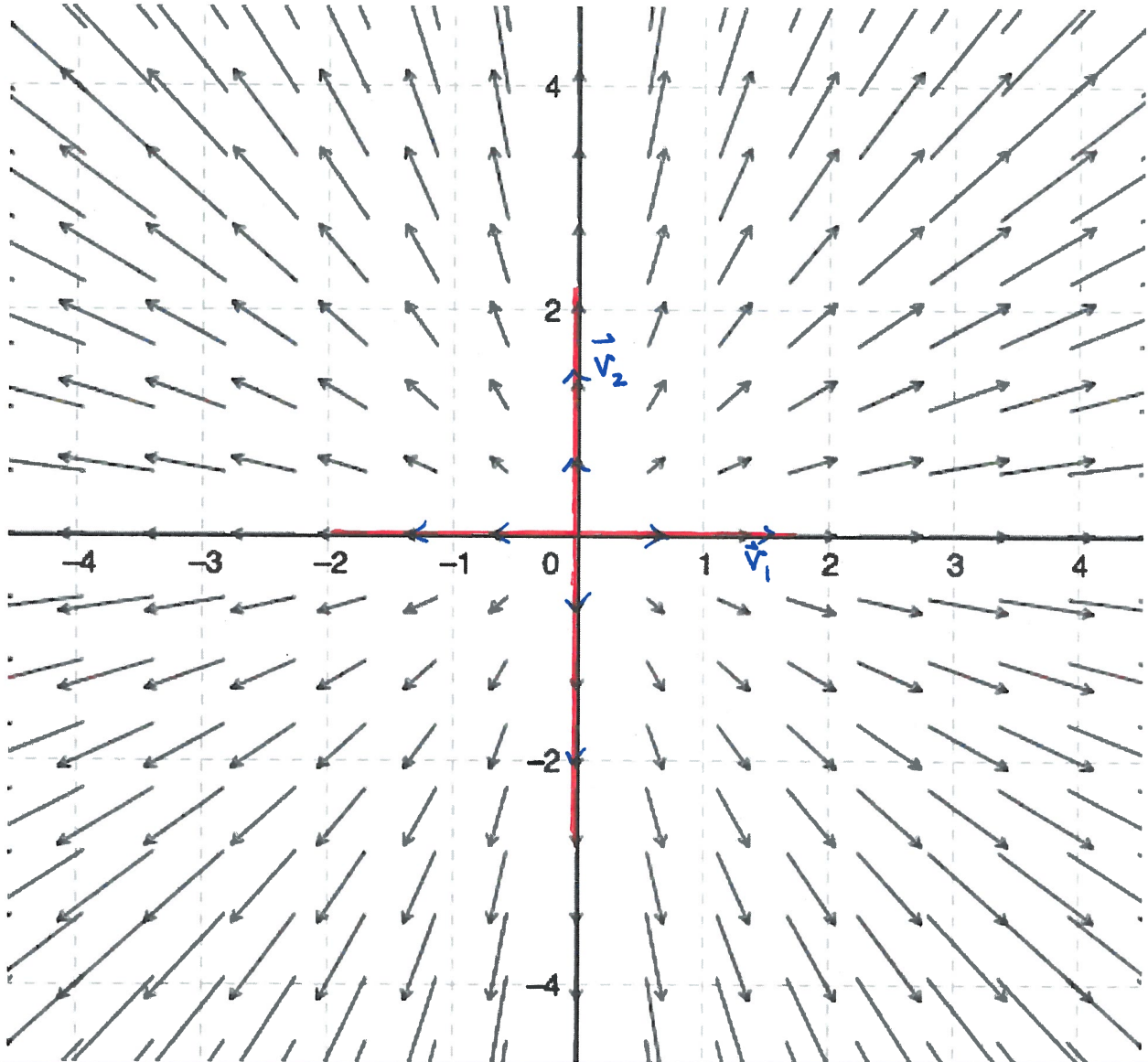
Origin is asymp. stable



- Remark . This case happens when A is a constant multiple of I : $A = rI = \begin{pmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{pmatrix}$

Ex 1 : $\begin{cases} x' = 2x \\ y' = 2y \end{cases}$ or $\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$

One eigenval $r=2$ repeated $\begin{matrix} \text{two linearly} \\ \text{indep. eigvec} \end{matrix}$ $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
General sol'n $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$ $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



* Origin is unstable

* This vector field is called a proper node or sometimes a star point.

Example 2 : $\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1-r & -1 \\ 1 & 3-r \end{pmatrix} = (r-2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r=2 \text{ repeated}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 + v_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

How to find a vector $\vec{w}$ which is linearly independent from $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}$? Generalized eigenvector

$\vec{w}$ is a vector that satisfies :

$$(A - rI) \vec{w} = \vec{v}$$

general eigvec

$$(A - rI) \vec{v} = 0$$

eigvec

Exercise

Remark : $\vec{v}$ and $\vec{w}$ are linearly independent.

Then the other solution will be :

$$\vec{x}_2(t) = (\underline{t\vec{v}} + \vec{w}) e^{rt}$$

$$\vec{X}' = A\vec{X}$$

Why is $\vec{X}_2(t) = (t\vec{v} + \vec{w})e^{rt}$ a solution?

Things we know $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{v} : A\vec{v} = r\vec{v} \\ \vec{w} : (A - rI)\vec{w} = \vec{v} \implies A\vec{w} = (r\vec{w} + \vec{v}) \end{array} \right.$

$$\vec{X}_2(t) = (t\vec{v} + \vec{w})e^{rt}$$

Claim: $\vec{X}_2$ is a solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } \vec{X}_2'(t) &= \vec{v}e^{rt} + (t\vec{v} + \vec{w})r \cdot e^{rt} \\ &= \left(\vec{v} + tr\vec{v} + r\vec{w} \right) e^{rt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS: } A\vec{X}_2 &= A \cdot (t\vec{v} + \vec{w})e^{rt} \\ &= (tA\vec{v} + A\vec{w})e^{rt} \\ &= (tr\vec{v} + r\vec{w} + \vec{v})e^{rt} \end{aligned}$$

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So $\vec{X}_2$ solves the equation.

Note that: the fact that $A\vec{v} = r\vec{v}$
and $A\vec{w} = (r\vec{w} + \vec{v})$

helped to simplify terms and prove that $\vec{X}_2$ is a solution.

Example Cont'd

Find w ? $r = 2$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - rI)\vec{w} = \vec{v}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -w_1 - w_2 = 1 \\ w_1 + w_2 = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{w}$$

generalized eigenvector

$$\vec{X}_2(t) = (t\vec{v} + \vec{w})e^{rt}$$

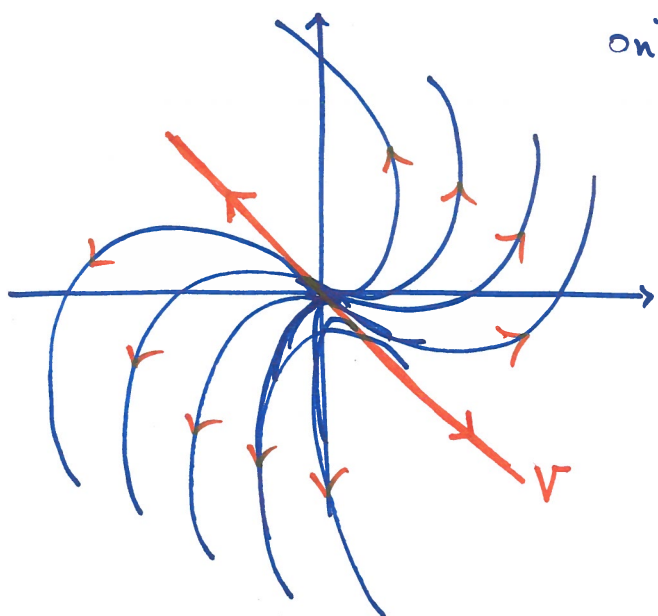
$$= \left(t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{2t}$$

$$\vec{X}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -t-1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

General solution : $\vec{X}(t) = c_1 \vec{X}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{X}_2(t)$

$$= c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -t-1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

origin is unstable.



origin unstable:

improper node .

if $r < 0$, then origin becomes asymptotically stable.

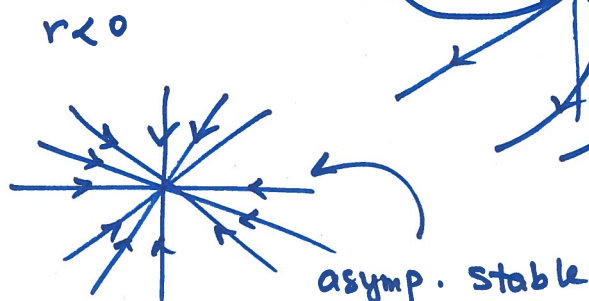
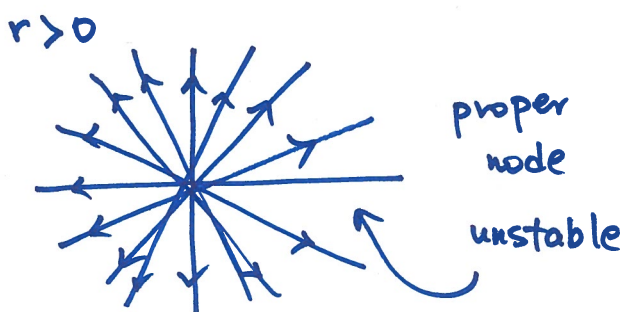
Case III . $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

A has one repeated eigenvalue : r

One repeated eival
but two linearly
indep eigrec

$$r \begin{cases} \rightarrow \vec{v}_1 \\ \rightarrow \vec{v}_2 \end{cases}$$

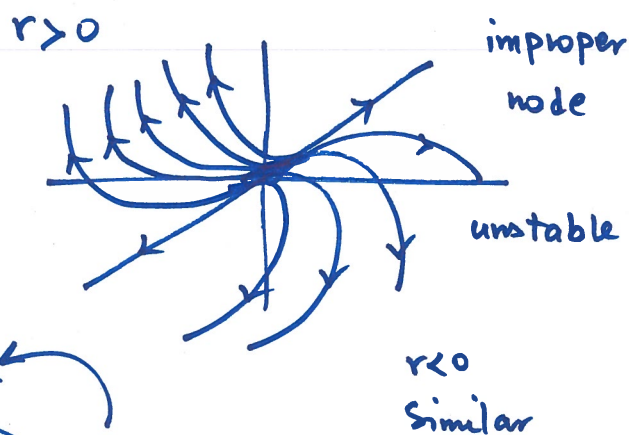
$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{v}_1 e^{rt} + c_2 \vec{v}_2 e^{rt}$$



One repeated: r and one eigrec: $\vec{v}$
find generalized eigrec: $\vec{w}$

$$\vec{x}_2(t) = (t\vec{v} + \vec{w}) e^{rt}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{v} e^{rt} + c_2 (t\vec{v} + \vec{w}) e^{rt}$$

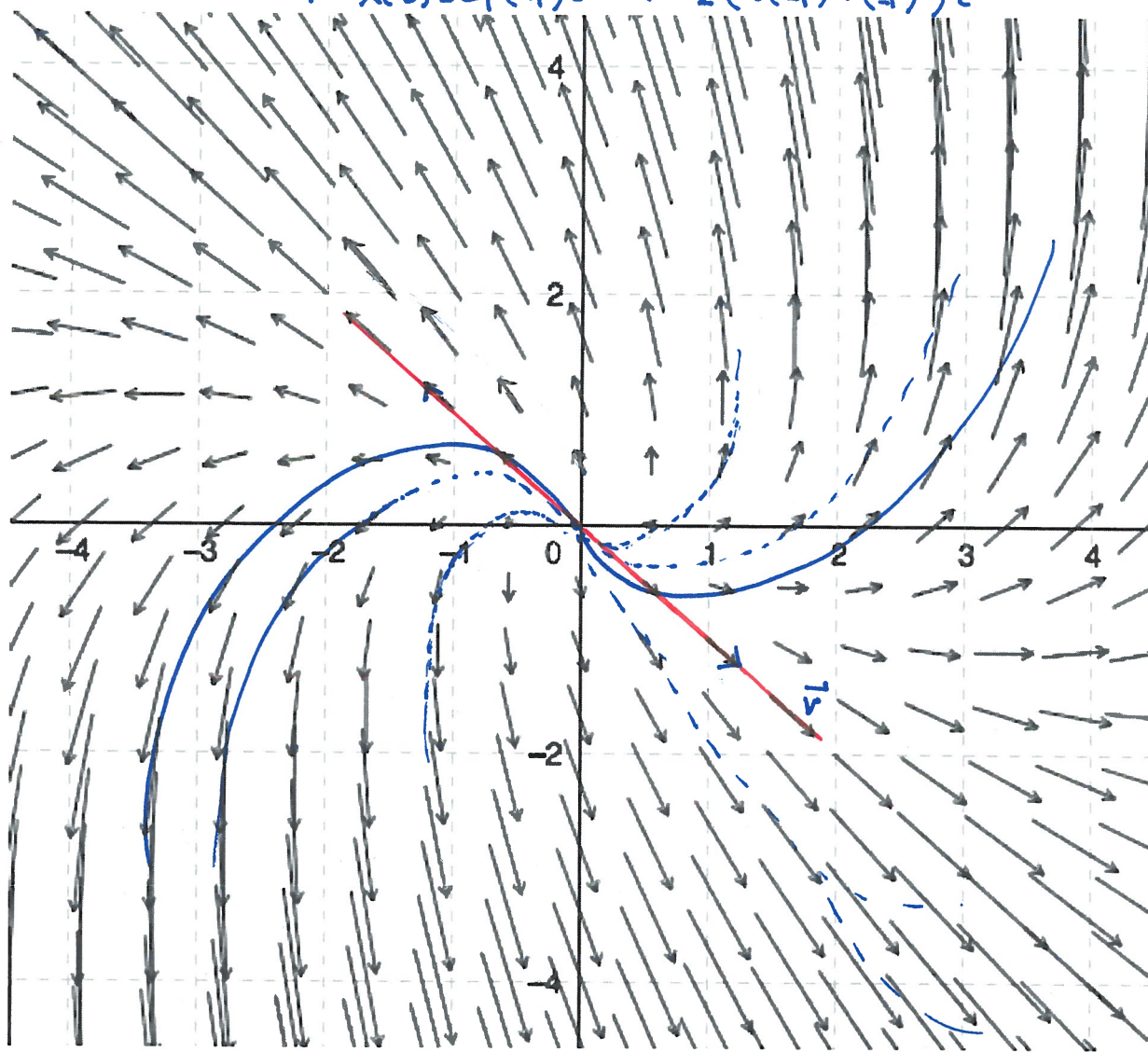


Ex 2 : $\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$ or $\begin{cases} x' = x - y \\ y' = x + 3y \end{cases}$

One eigenval $r=2$ repeated only 1 eigrec $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Need another vector
linear indep of $\vec{v}$ $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ where $\vec{w}$ solves $(A-2I)\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \left(t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{2t}$$



* Origin is an unstable improper node.

Practice : Find the general solution to

$$\begin{cases} x' = 2x - y \\ y' = -2x + y \end{cases}$$

Find the equilibrium solution(s) (critical point) and describe the vector field and the trajectories.

eigenvalues: $r_1 = 0$, $r_2 = 3$

eigvec: $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{v}_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 \vec{v}_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

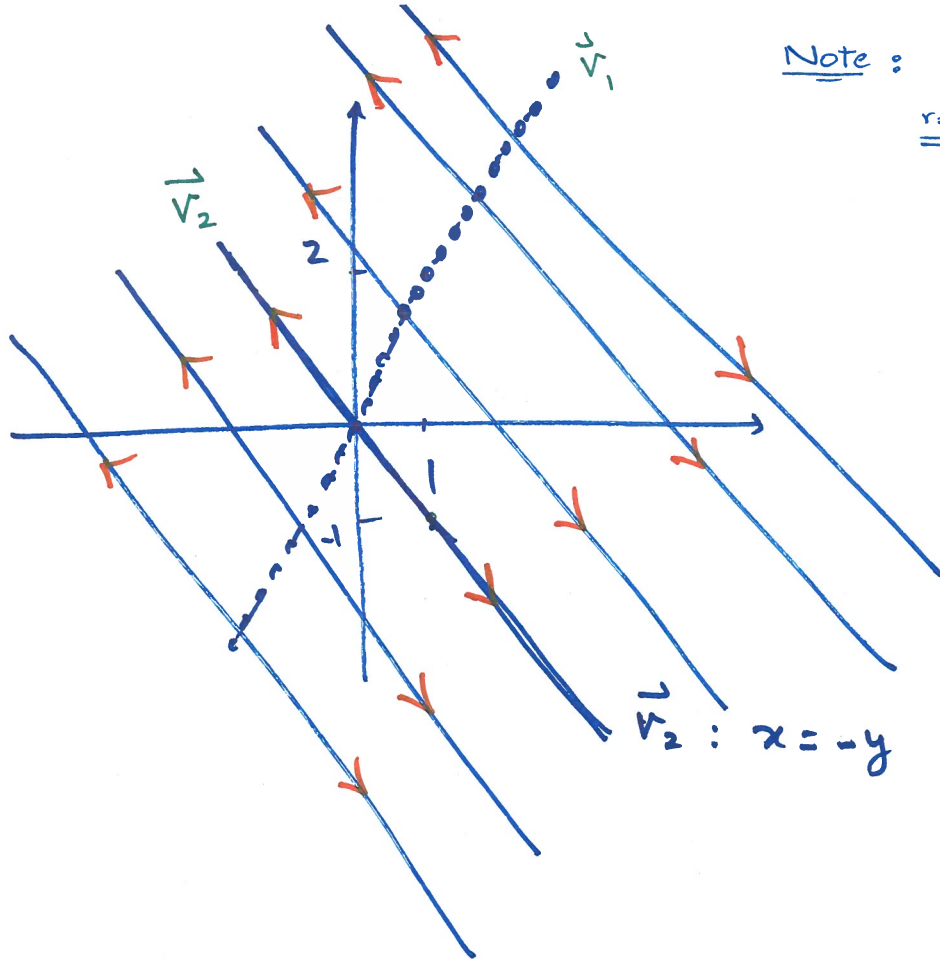
$$= c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{0t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$$

$$= c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ y \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} \rightarrow x = -y$$

$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A - rI} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = 0$$

Equilibrium solutions: all the points on the line through $\vec{v}_1$
→ infinitely many solutions:



Note : $\det(A - rI) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, r = 2$

$$\xRightarrow{r=0} (A - rI)\vec{v} = 0$$

$\xRightarrow{r=0} A\vec{v} = 0 \Rightarrow$ All $\vec{v}$ solving this are critical points

$\Rightarrow$ These are the dots on the line.

→ How do we get these lines all parallel to $\vec{v}_2$?

Note : $\vec{x}_2(t) = \vec{v}_2 e^{r_2 t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} \\ -e^{3t} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \text{trajectory } x = -y$

Now take the general solution:

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 + c_2 e^{3t} \\ 2c_1 - c_2 e^{3t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow e^{3t} = \frac{x - c_1}{c_2}$$

$$y = 2c_1 - c_2 \cdot \frac{x - c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2c_1 - x + c_1$$

→ line parallel to $y = -x$

So for any c_1 and c_2 trajectories are line parallel to the line that goes through $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Practice Question: $\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{A} \vec{x}$

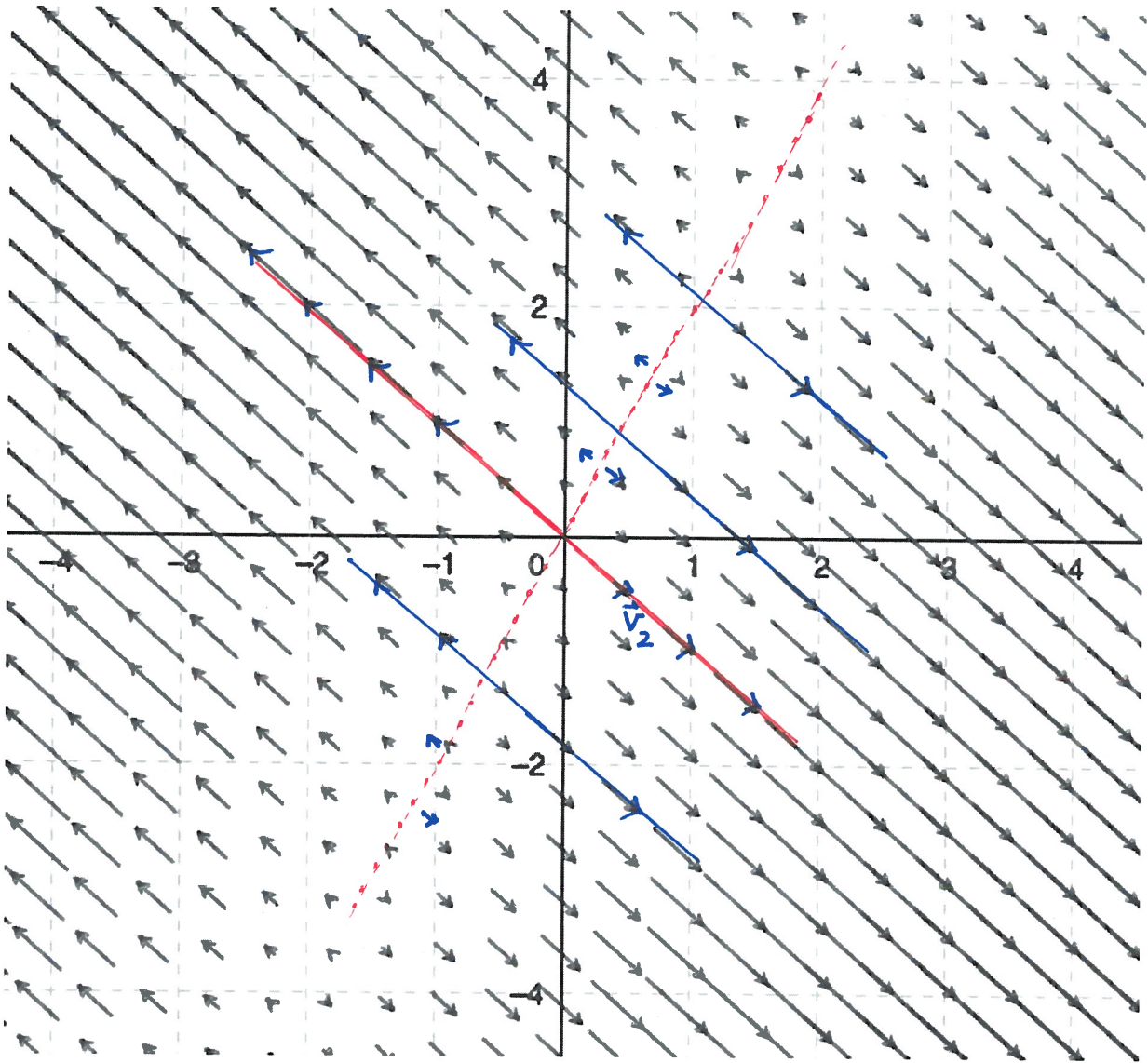
eigval : $r_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$r_2 = 3 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

* $\det A = 0 \Rightarrow A$ is singular

$\Rightarrow A\vec{x} = 0$ has infinitely many solutions

$\Rightarrow$ infinitely many equilibrium points all on the line through $\vec{v}_1$



All the critical points are unstable.