

1. Consider the linear system of ordinary differential equations with a parameter a

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & a \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \text{ where } \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's describe how the phase portrait changes as a varies from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$.

(a) 3 points. Compute all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors in order to sketch the phase portrait when $a = -3/2$. Describe the stationary point at the origin.

$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 3 = 0$
 $\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-8}}{2} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{2}$
 $E_{1-i\sqrt{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1-i\sqrt{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ $E_{1+i\sqrt{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1+i\sqrt{2} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 Origin is a SPIRAL SOURCE since $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$.
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i\sqrt{2} & -3/2 & : & 0 \\ 2 & -1-i\sqrt{2} & 0 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\frac{3}{2}(1+i\sqrt{2}) & : & 0 \\ 2 & -1-i\sqrt{2} & : & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) 3 points. Compute all the eigenvalues and eigenvectors in order to sketch the phase portrait when $a = 1$. Describe the stationary point at the origin.

$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 2 = 0$
 $\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(-2)}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$
 $E_{1+\sqrt{3}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1+\sqrt{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ $E_{1-\sqrt{3}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1-\sqrt{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 Origin is a SADDLE.
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1-\sqrt{3} & 1 & : & 0 \\ 2 & -1-\sqrt{3} & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1+\sqrt{3} & : & 0 \\ 2 & -1-\sqrt{3} & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1-\sqrt{3}}{2} & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1+\sqrt{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1+\sqrt{3} & 1 & : & 0 \\ 2 & -1+\sqrt{3} & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1-\sqrt{3} & : & 0 \\ 2 & -1+\sqrt{3} & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{-1+\sqrt{3}}{2} & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1-\sqrt{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(c) 4 points. For what value of a does the system change its nature (i.e. bifurcate)? For this value of a , compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors in order to sketch the phase portrait. Describe the stationary point at the origin.

$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + (-2a) = 0$
 $\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2a)}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{1+2a}$
 Bifurcation occurs when $1+2a=0 \Rightarrow a=-1/2$
 D = 2, D' = -2a = 1
 Graph of $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + (-2a) = 0$ vs a showing bifurcation at $a = -1/2$.
 BONUS: $a = -1/2 + 1$, $a = 0$ another bifurcation.

When $a = -1/2$, $\lambda = 1, 1$
 The origin is an UNSTABLE IMPROPER NODE

Need E_1
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & : & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 Solve $(A - \lambda I)\vec{w} = \vec{v}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 2-1 & -1/2 & : & 1 \\ 2 & 0-1 & : & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & : & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & : & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2-1 & -1/2 & : & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\vec{x} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_2 \left[t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^t$