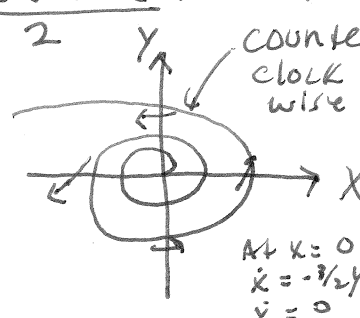


1. Consider the linear system of ordinary differential equations with a real-valued parameter a

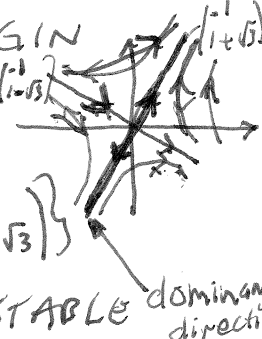
$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & a \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \text{ where } \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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 when $a = a_B$.

$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 2a = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-2a)}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 8a}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 2a}$
 $T = 2$
 $D = -2a$
 $a = -3/2$
 $\lambda = 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 3} = 1 \pm \sqrt{-2} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{2}$
 $\lambda = 1 + i\sqrt{2}, 1 - i\sqrt{2}$
 NO REAL EIGENVECTORS
 when $x=1, y=1 \Rightarrow \dot{x} = 1/2, \dot{y} = 2$
 UNSTABLE $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{1/2} = 4$
 SPIRAL SOURCE at ORIGIN


(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.

$a = 1, \lambda = 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 + \sqrt{3}, 1 - \sqrt{3}$ SADDLE at ORIGIN
 $\lambda = 1 + \sqrt{3}$
 $A - \lambda I \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \sqrt{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 - \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \sqrt{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow E_{\lambda} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 - \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 $\lambda = 1 - \sqrt{3}$
 $A - \lambda I \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \sqrt{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 + \sqrt{3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \sqrt{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow E_{\lambda} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 + \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$
 $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{(1+\sqrt{3})t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 - \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{(1-\sqrt{3})t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 + \sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$
 UNSTABLE dominant direction


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

when $1 + 2a = 0 \Rightarrow a = -1/2$ the system bifurcates

$a = a_B = -1/2 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$

$(A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2x_1 - x_2 = 0$
 $2x_1 = x_2$
 x_1 free
 $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_1 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$

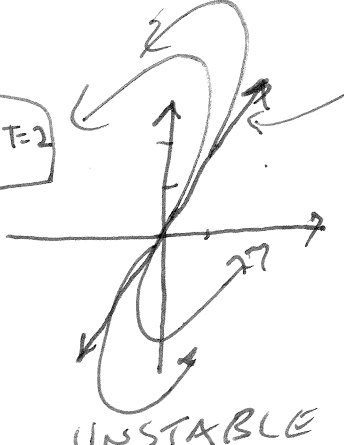
The origin in this case is an improper node

Find generalized eigenvector

$(A - \lambda I) \vec{w} = \vec{v}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2w_1 - w_2 = 2$
 $w_1 = 1$
 $w_2 = 0$

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

NOTE:
 Since $D = -2a, T = 2$
 another bifurcation occurs at $a = 0$


 dominant direction $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$
 UNSTABLE IMPROPER NODE