

Phase portraits: distinct and real eigenvalues

Let us study the phase portraits in the new coordinates \tilde{y}_1, \tilde{y}_2 !

We know that

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{y}_1 = D_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ \tilde{y}_2 = D_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{cases} \quad (1) \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

We make two observations:

(A) If $\tilde{y}_1(t=a) = 0$ then $D_1 = 0$

$$0 = \tilde{y}_1(a) = D_1 \underbrace{e^{\lambda_1 a}}_{>0} \Rightarrow D_1 = 0$$

Therefore $\tilde{y}_1(t) = D_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} = 0 \quad \forall t$

This implies that $\tilde{y}_1 = 0$ is an INVARIANT MANIFOLD
Similarly $\tilde{y}_2 = 0$ is also an INVARIANT MANIFOLD

(B) If $D_1 \neq 0, D_2 \neq 0$ Eq(1) can be also written as

$$\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} = e^{\lambda_1 t} = (e^t)^{\lambda_1} \Rightarrow e^t = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{1/\lambda_1} \quad \text{for } \lambda_1 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\tilde{y}_2}{D_2} = e^{\lambda_2 t} = (e^t)^{\lambda_2} = \left[\left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{1/\lambda_1} \right]^{\lambda_2} = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{\lambda_2/\lambda_1}$$

Therefore the trajectory is given by

$$\frac{\tilde{y}_2}{D_2} = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{\lambda_2 / \lambda_1}$$

for $\lambda_1 \neq 0$, $D_1 \neq 0$, $D_2 \neq 0$

Which are those trajectories?

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Case I

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

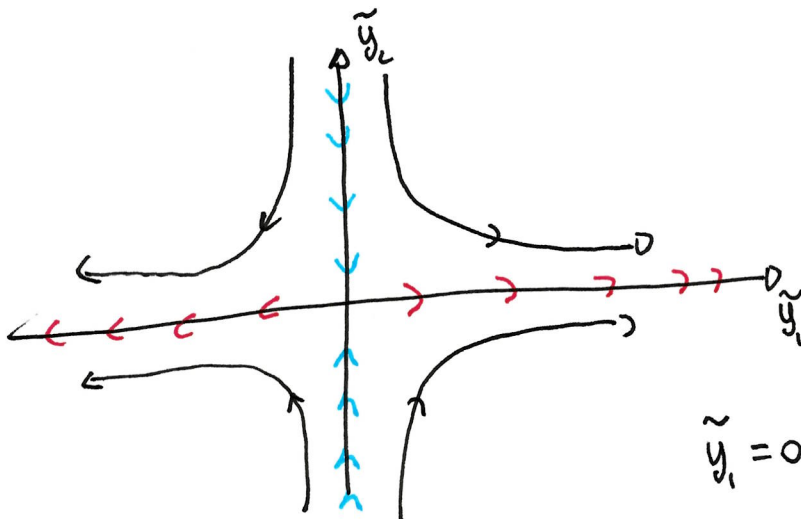
$$\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0$$

$$\frac{\tilde{y}_2}{D_2} = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{\lambda_2 / \lambda_1} = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{-|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}|}$$

SADDLE

For $|\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}| = 1$

" $y = x^{-1}$ " these are hyperbolas



$\tilde{y}_2 = 0$ ($\lambda_1 > 0$) UNSTABLE MANIFOLD

$\tilde{y}_1 = 0$ ($\lambda_2 < 0$) STABLE MANIFOLD

$\tilde{y}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{y}_2(t) = D_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\tilde{y}_2 \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{y}_1 = D_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} & \lambda_1 > 0 \\ \tilde{y}_2 = D_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} & \lambda_2 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$(D_1, D_2) \neq (0, 0)$
 $D_1 \neq 0$
 $D_2 \neq 0$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$

$\tilde{y}_1 \rightarrow \text{sign}(D_1) \cdot \infty$

$\tilde{y}_2 \rightarrow 0$

2 Case II

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \quad \lambda_2 > 0$$

Trajectories

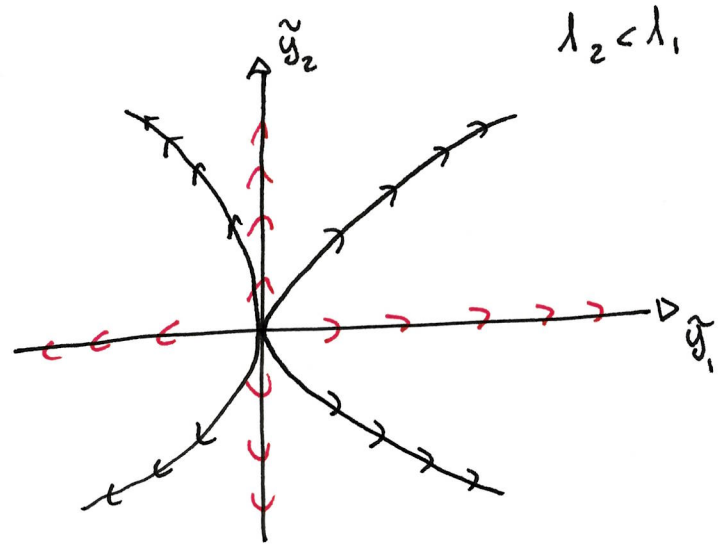
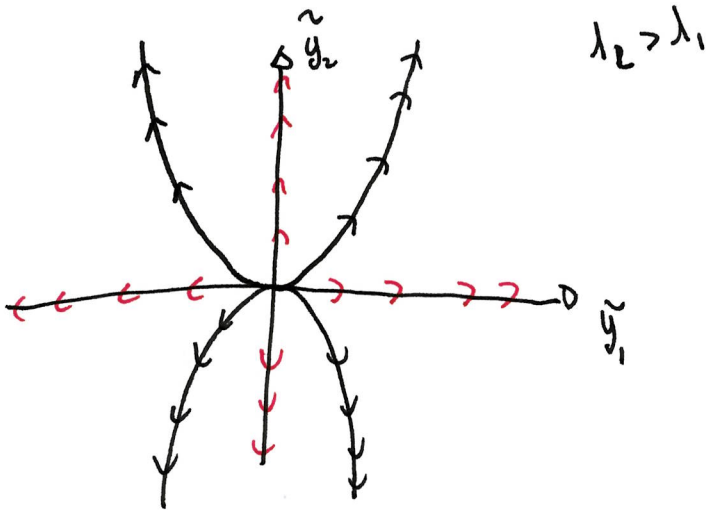
$$\frac{\tilde{y}_2}{D_2} = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{\lambda_2 / \lambda_1}$$

UNSTABLE
NODE

$$\text{If } \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} = 2$$

$$\text{" } y = x^2 \text{"}$$

these are parabolas



As $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\tilde{y}_1(t) \rightarrow \text{sign}(D_1) \cdot \infty$$

$$\tilde{y}_2(t) \rightarrow \text{sign}(D_2) \cdot \infty$$

3 Case III

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

$$\lambda_1 < 0 \quad \lambda_2 < 0$$

Trajectories

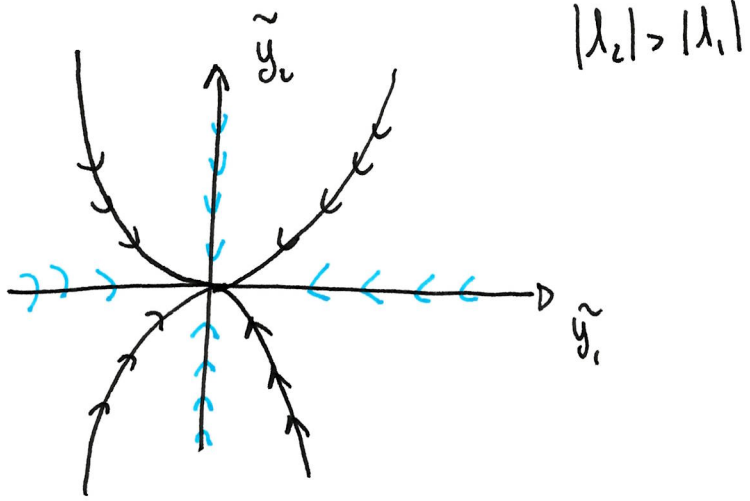
$$\frac{\tilde{y}_2}{D_2} = \left(\frac{\tilde{y}_1}{D_1} \right)^{\left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right|}$$

STABLE NODE

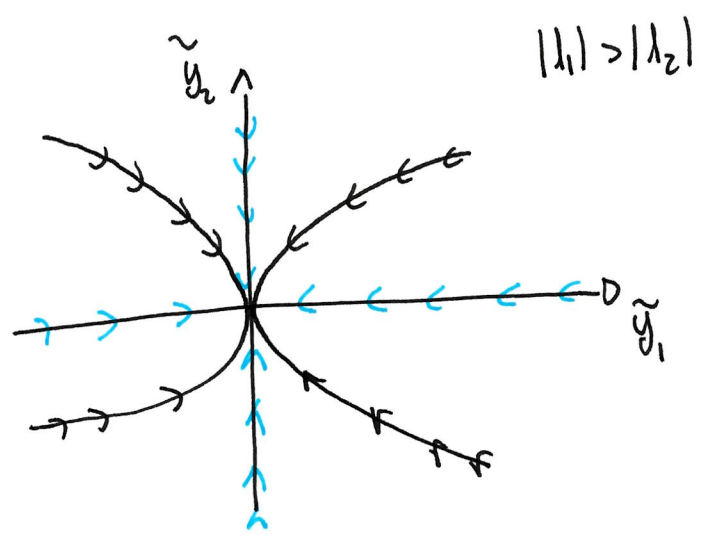
$$\text{If } \left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right| = 2$$

$$\text{" } y = x^2 \text{"}$$

these are parabolas



$$\begin{cases} \tilde{y}_1 = D_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} & (\lambda_1 < 0) \\ \tilde{y}_2 = D_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} & (\lambda_2 < 0) \end{cases}$$



As $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\tilde{y}_1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\tilde{y}_2 \rightarrow 0$$

Phase portraits: distinct and complex conjugate eigenvalues.

We will consider a linear system of ODEs

$$\dot{Y} = AY$$

with A a real 2×2 matrix with complex conjugate eigenvalues

$$\begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta \\ \lambda_2 = \alpha - i\beta \end{array} \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \quad \beta \neq 0$$

We make the following considerations

① In this case the eigenvectors u_1 and u_2 are complex conjugate

Example $u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\omega \end{pmatrix} \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i\omega \end{pmatrix}$

② Therefore we can write

$$u_1 = v_1 - i v_2$$

$$\text{with } v_1 = \operatorname{Re} u_1$$

$$u_2 = v_1 + i v_2$$

$$v_2 = -\operatorname{Im} u_1$$

v_1 & v_2 are vectors with real components!

Example

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_1 = \operatorname{Re} u_1 = \operatorname{Re} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = -\operatorname{Im} u_1 = -\operatorname{Im} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\omega \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_1 = v_1 - i v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = v_1 + i v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

③ v_1, v_2 are linearly independent

Therefore we can write in a unique way

$$Y = \tilde{y}_1 v_1 + \tilde{y}_2 v_2$$

\tilde{y}_1, \tilde{y}_2 define a new set of coordinates

④ The explicit solution of $\dot{Y} = AY$ reads

$$Y = D_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} u_1 + D_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} u_2$$

If y_1, y_2 are real, λ_1, λ_2 are complex conjugate
 u_1, u_2 " " " "

\Rightarrow D_1, D_2 are complex conjugate

We can put

$$D_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{a} + i\tilde{b})$$

$$D_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{a} - i\tilde{b})$$

where \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} are arbitrary real constants fixed by the initial condition.