

## LECTURE: FINAL EXAM – REVIEW

### 1. NONLINEAR ODE

#### Example 1:

Find and classify the equilibrium points of the following system

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -\sin(x) \end{cases}$$

#### STEP 1: Equilibrium Points:

$$\begin{cases} y = 0 \\ -\sin(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

This gives  $y = 0$  and  $\sin(x) = 0$  so  $x = \pi m$  and  $y = 0$

Equilibrium points:  $(\pi m, 0)$

#### STEP 2: Classification:

$$\nabla F(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial(-\sin(x))}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial(-\sin(x))}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla F(\pi m, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos(\pi m) & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -(-1)^m & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues:

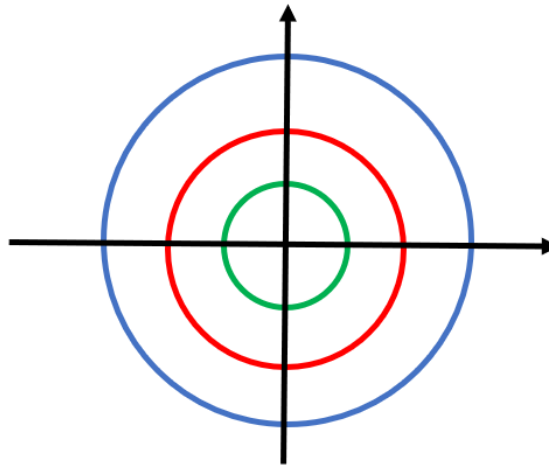
$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -(-1)^m & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + (-1)^m = 0$$

**Case 1:**  $m$  even

Then  $(-1)^m = 1$  and so we get  $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$

In that case  $(\pi m, 0)$  is neither stable, unstable, or a saddle

**Aside:** This is called a center since the solutions are circles/ellipses

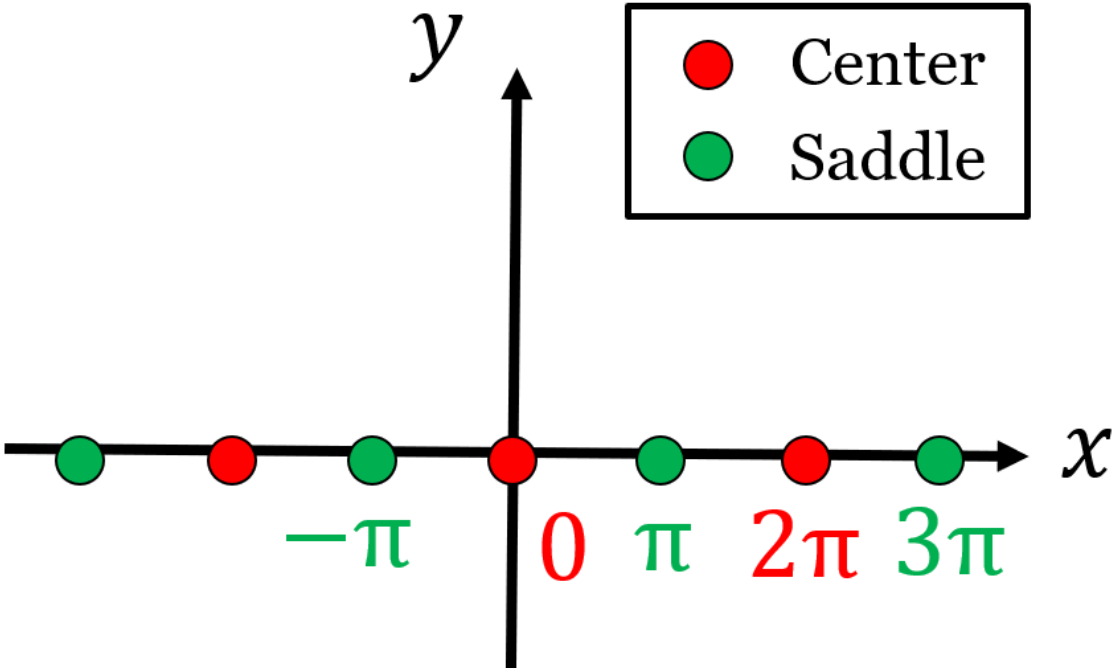


**Case 2:**  $m$  odd

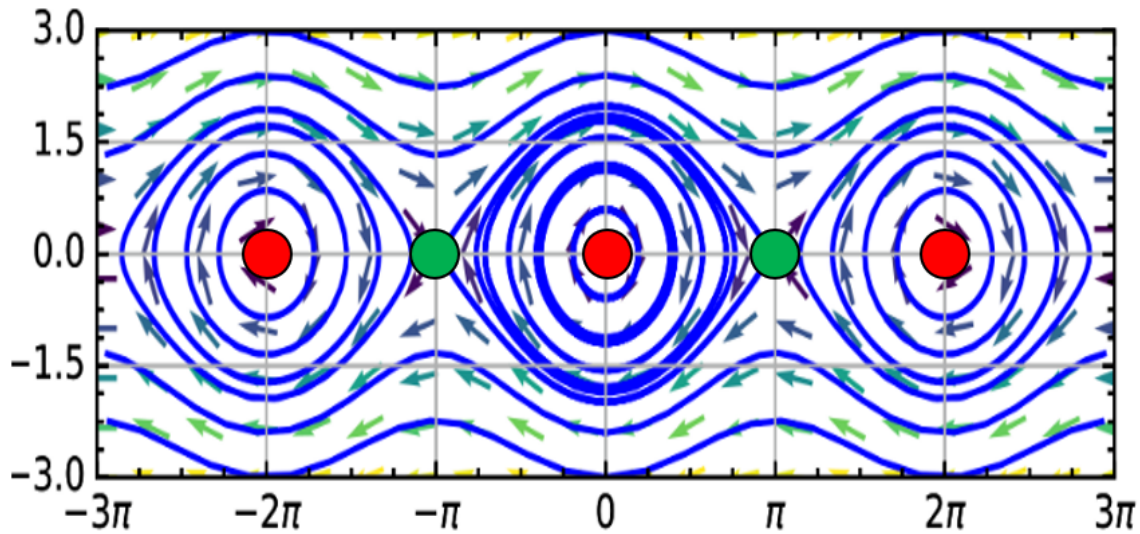
Then  $(-1)^m = -1$  and so  $\lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$

In that case  $(\pi m, 0)$  is a saddle

$(\pi m, 0)$  is a center if  $m$  is even and a saddle if  $m$  is odd



**Application:** The ODE above are in fact the equations of a pendulum, and we can see in the picture below how the equilibrium points alternate between saddles and centers



**Example 2: (more practice)**

Find and classify the equilibrium points of

$$\begin{cases} x' = (x - 1)^2 + y \\ y' = x^2 + y \end{cases}$$

**STEP 1: Equilibrium Points:** Set  $x' = 0$  and  $y' = 0$

$$\begin{cases} (x - 1)^2 + y = 0 \\ x^2 + y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Subtracting the second equation from the first, we get

$$(x - 1)^2 - x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow \cancel{x - 1 = x} \text{ or } x - 1 = -x \Rightarrow 2x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

And from the second equation,  $y = -x^2 = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = -\frac{1}{4}$

**Equilibrium point:**  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}\right)$

**STEP 2: Stability**

$$\nabla F(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x - 1) & 1 \\ 2x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2\left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right) & 1 \\ 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

**Eigenvalues:**

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) - 1 = -1 + \lambda - \lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Which gives  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . This is both positive and negative, so

**Conclusion:**  $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4})$  is a **saddle**

## 2. CHEMICAL TANKS

### Example 3:

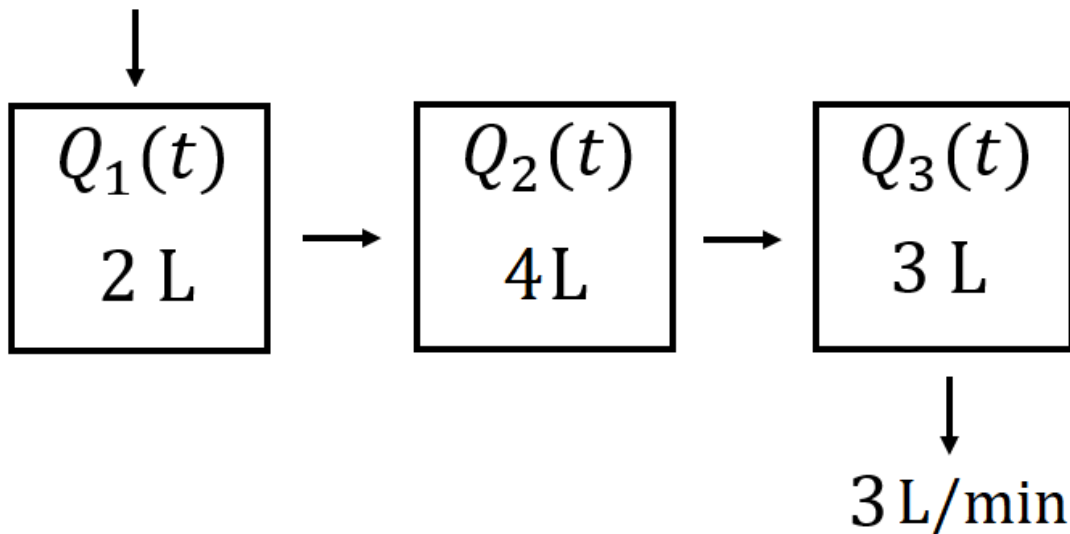
Consider the following configuration of chemical tanks. Assume the two arrows in the middle are 4 L/min and the amount of water in each tank is constant. Set up a system

$$\mathbf{Q}'(t) = A\mathbf{Q}(t) + \mathbf{b}$$

Where  $Q_i(t)$  is the amount of salt in tank  $i$  (in kg)

6 L/min water

1/3 kg/L salt



No matter what the configuration, always think “What is going in and what is going out?”

**Tank 1:**

$$Q'_1(t) = \text{In} - \text{Out} = 6 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 4 \times \left(\frac{Q_1}{2}\right) = 2 - 2Q_1(t)$$

**Tank 2:**

$$Q'_2(t) = \text{In} - \text{Out} = 4 \times \left(\frac{Q_1}{2}\right) - 4 \times \left(\frac{Q_2}{4}\right) = 2Q_1(t) - Q_2(t)$$

**Tank 3:**

$$Q'_3(t) = \text{In} - \text{Out} = 4 \times \left(\frac{Q_2}{4}\right) - 3 \times \left(\frac{Q_3}{3}\right) = Q_2(t) - Q_3(t)$$

**System:**

$$\begin{cases} Q'_1(t) = -2Q_1(t) + 2 \\ Q'_2(t) = 2Q_1(t) - Q_2(t) \\ Q'_3(t) = Q_2(t) - Q_3(t) \end{cases}$$

This is of the form  $\mathbf{Q}'(t) = A\mathbf{Q}(t) + \mathbf{b}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3. VARIATION OF PARAMETERS

**Example 4:**

Use var of par to find a particular solution to  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/t & -1 \\ 1 & 1/t \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -t \end{bmatrix}$$

**Note:** Simplify your final answer and write it as a single vector. Assume the general solution of the homogeneous equation is

$$\mathbf{x}_0(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} t \sin(t) \\ -t \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} t \cos(t) \\ t \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 1:**

$$\mathbf{x}_p(t) = u(t) \begin{bmatrix} t \sin(t) \\ -t \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + v(t) \begin{bmatrix} t \cos(t) \\ t \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} t \sin(t) & t \cos(t) \\ -t \cos(t) & t \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u'(t) \\ v'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -t \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 2:**

$$\text{Denominator: } \begin{vmatrix} t \sin(t) & t \cos(t) \\ -t \cos(t) & t \sin(t) \end{vmatrix} = t^2 \sin^2(t) + t^2 \cos^2(t) = t^2$$

$$u'(t) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} t & t \cos(t) \\ -t & t \sin(t) \end{vmatrix}}{t^2} = \frac{t^2 \sin(t) + t^2 \cos(t)}{t^2} = \sin(t) + \cos(t)$$

$$v'(t) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} t \sin(t) & t \\ -t \cos(t) & -t \end{vmatrix}}{t^2} = \frac{-t^2 \sin(t) + t^2 \cos(t)}{t^2} = -\sin(t) + \cos(t)$$

$$u(t) = \int \sin(t) + \cos(t) dt = -\cos(t) + \sin(t)$$

$$v(t) = \int -\sin(t) + \cos(t) dt = \cos(t) + \sin(t)$$

**STEP 3:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_p(t) &= (-\cos(t) + \sin(t)) \begin{bmatrix} t \sin(t) \\ -t \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} + (\cos(t) + \sin(t)) \begin{bmatrix} t \cos(t) \\ t \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (-\cos(t) + \sin(t)) t \sin(t) + (\cos(t) + \sin(t)) t \cos(t) \\ (-\cos(t) + \sin(t)) (-t \cos(t)) + (\cos(t) + \sin(t)) t \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cancel{-t \cos(t) \sin(t)} + t \sin^2(t) + t \cos^2(t) + \cancel{t \cos(t) \sin(t)} \\ t \cos^2(t) - \cancel{t \sin(t) \cos(t)} + \cancel{t \cos(t) \sin(t)} + t \sin^2(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} t (\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)) \\ t (\cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t)) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**4. REPEATED EIGENVALUES****Example 5:**Solve  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 1: Eigenvalues**



$$\begin{aligned}
 |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 6 - \lambda & -1 \\ 4 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (6 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - (-1)(4) \\
 &= 12 - 6\lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 + 4 \\
 &= \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16 \\
 &= (\lambda - 4)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lambda = 4$  (repeated)

### STEP 2:

$$\boxed{\lambda = 4}$$

$$\text{Nul}(A - 4I) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 6 - 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 - 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(\div 2)R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$2x - y = 0$  so  $y = 2x$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### STEP 3:

$$(A - 4I)\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(\div 2)R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$2x - y = 1 \Rightarrow y = 2x - 1$

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x - 1 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = C_1 e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \left( t e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

**Note:** Make sure that the two vectors in blue match (the one in  $(A - 4I)\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and the one in  $te^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ) Do not change this to  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  for example. This is because in the proof of repeated eigenvalues, we assumed our solution is of the form  $te^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + e^{4t}\mathbf{w}$  and then we found that  $\mathbf{w}$  solves  $(A - 4I)\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

## 5. PHASE PORTRAITS

### Example 6:

Solve  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  and draw a phase portrait, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -14 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

### STEP 1: Eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 12 - \lambda & -14 \\ 4 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (12 - \lambda)(-3 - \lambda) - (-14)(4) \\ &= -36 - 12\lambda + 3\lambda + \lambda^2 + 56 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 20 \\ &= (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 5) \end{aligned}$$

Which gives  $\lambda = 4$  or  $\lambda = 5$

### STEP 2: Eigenvectors

$$\boxed{\lambda = 4}$$

$$\text{Nul}(A - 4I) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 12 - 4 & -14 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 - 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 8 & -14 & 0 \\ 4 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(\div 2)R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$4x - 7y = 0$ , so  $x = 7$  and  $y = 4$  works

$$\lambda = 4 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 5}$$

$$\text{Nul}(A - 5I) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 12 - 5 & -14 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 - 5 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & -14 & 0 \\ 4 & -8 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(\div 7)R_1 \ (\div 4)R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x - 2y = 0$  so  $x = 2y$  and

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

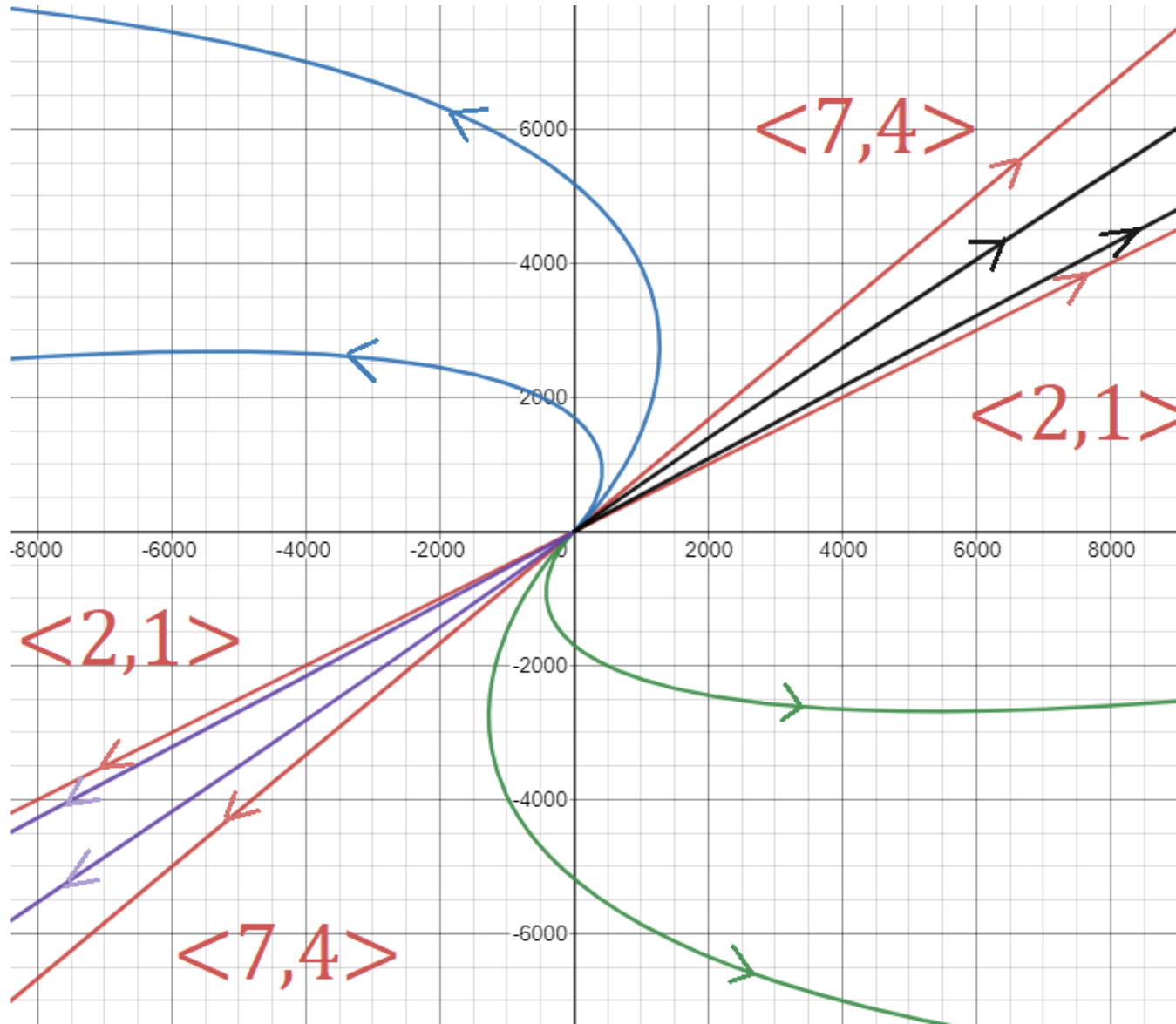
$$\lambda = 5 \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### STEP 3: Solution

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = C_1 e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### STEP 4: Phase Portrait

Here  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is steeper than  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  because  $\frac{4}{7} > \frac{1}{2}$



**Example 7:**

Solve  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$  and draw the phase portrait, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 1: Eigenvalues**

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 4 \\ -1 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3 - \lambda)^2 - 4(-1) \\ &= (\lambda - 3)^2 + 4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\lambda - 3)^2 = -4 \Rightarrow \lambda - 3 = \pm 2i \Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \pm 2i$$

**STEP 2:**  $\lambda = 3 + 2i$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Nul}(A - (3 + 2i)I) &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 - (3 + 2i) & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 - (3 + 2i) & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -2i & 4 & 0 \\ -1 & -2i & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & -2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x + (2i)y = 0$ . For example  $x = -2i$  and  $y = 1$  satisfies this

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 3: Solution**

$$e^{(3+2i)t} \begin{bmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t)) \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - i \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= C_1 e^{3t} \left( \cos(2t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \sin(2t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) + C_2 e^{3t} \left( -\cos(2t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \sin(2t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= C_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \cos(2t) \\ \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

#### STEP 4: Phase Portrait

Because of the  $e^{3t}$  term, the solution is spiraling outwards.

