

Today

- General solution for complex eigenvalues case.
- Shapes of solutions for complex eigenvalues case.

Calculating eigenvalues - trace/det shortcut

- For the general matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

- find the characteristic equation and solve it to find the eigenvalues.

(A) $\lambda^2 - \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0$

(B) $\lambda^2 + (a + c)\lambda + ac - ba = 0$

★ (C) $\lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + ad - bc = 0$

(D) $\lambda^2 + (a - d)\lambda + ad + bc = 0$

(E) I don't know how to find eigenvalues.

Complex eigenvalues - example

• Find the general solution to $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$.

• The eigenvalues are

★ (A) $\lambda = 1 \pm 2i$

(B) $\lambda = -1, 3$

(C) $\lambda = 2 \pm 4i$

(D) $\lambda = -2, 6$

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• The eigenvectors are . . .



$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - (1 + 2i) & 1 \\ -4 & 1 - (1 + 2i) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2i & 1 \\ -4 & -2i \end{pmatrix} \times \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} -2i & 1 \\ -2i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{pmatrix}$$

Complex eigenvalues - example

- We could just write down a (complex valued) general solution:

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = C_1 e^{(1+2i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{(1-2i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2i \end{pmatrix}$$

- But we want real valued solutions. Two options:
 - Convert to a second order equation as we did for real roots case.
 - Recall the sum and difference trick - it says that real and imaginary parts of a complex solution are themselves solutions.

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$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2' &= -4x_1 + x_2 \end{aligned}$$



$$x_1'' = x_1' + x_2'$$

$$x_1'' = x_1' - 4x_1 + x_2$$

$$x_1'' = x_1' - 4x_1 + x_1' - x_1$$

$$x_1'' - 2x_1' + 5x_1 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$r = 1 \pm 2i$$

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$$r = 1 \pm 2i \quad x_1(t) = e^t (C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pencil \quad x_1'(t) &= e^t (-2C_1 \sin(2t) + 2C_2 \cos(2t)) \\ &\quad + e^t (C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_2 = x_1' - x_1 = e^t (-2C_1 \sin(2t) + 2C_2 \cos(2t))$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1(t) = e^t (C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t))$$



$$x_2(t) = e^t (-2C_1 \sin(2t) + 2C_2 \cos(2t))$$

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

Complex eigenvalues - example

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

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

 $\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{(1+2i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2i \end{pmatrix}$ • and its conjugate $C_1 = 0, C_2 = 1$. 

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

$$= e^t \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2t) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2t) \right]$$

$$+ e^t \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2t) \right] i$$

Complex eigenvalues - general case

- Find e-values, $\lambda = \alpha \pm \beta i$, and e-vectors, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \pm i \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$.
 $= \mathbf{a} + i\mathbf{b}$
- Write down solution (or use method on previous slide for formula-free):

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{\alpha t} \left[C_1 \left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\beta t) - \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \sin(\beta t) \right) + C_2 \left(\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \sin(\beta t) + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\beta t) \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{\alpha t} [C_1 (\mathbf{a} \cos(\beta t) - \mathbf{b} \sin(\beta t)) + C_2 (\mathbf{a} \sin(\beta t) + \mathbf{b} \cos(\beta t))]]$$

Complex eigenvalues - example

- Suppose you find eigenvalue $\lambda = 2\pi i$ and eigenvector $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$.
Which of the following is a solution to the original equation?

★ (A) $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t)$

(B) $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t)$

★ (C) $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t)$

(D) $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t)$

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$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) &= e^{2\pi i t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\cos(2\pi t) + i \sin(2\pi t)) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) + i \sin(2\pi t) \\ -\sin(2\pi t) + i \cos(2\pi t) \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

- Sum and difference trick lets us take the Real and Imaginary parts as two indep. solutions

$$\begin{aligned}&= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t) \\ &\quad + i \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t) \right]\end{aligned}$$

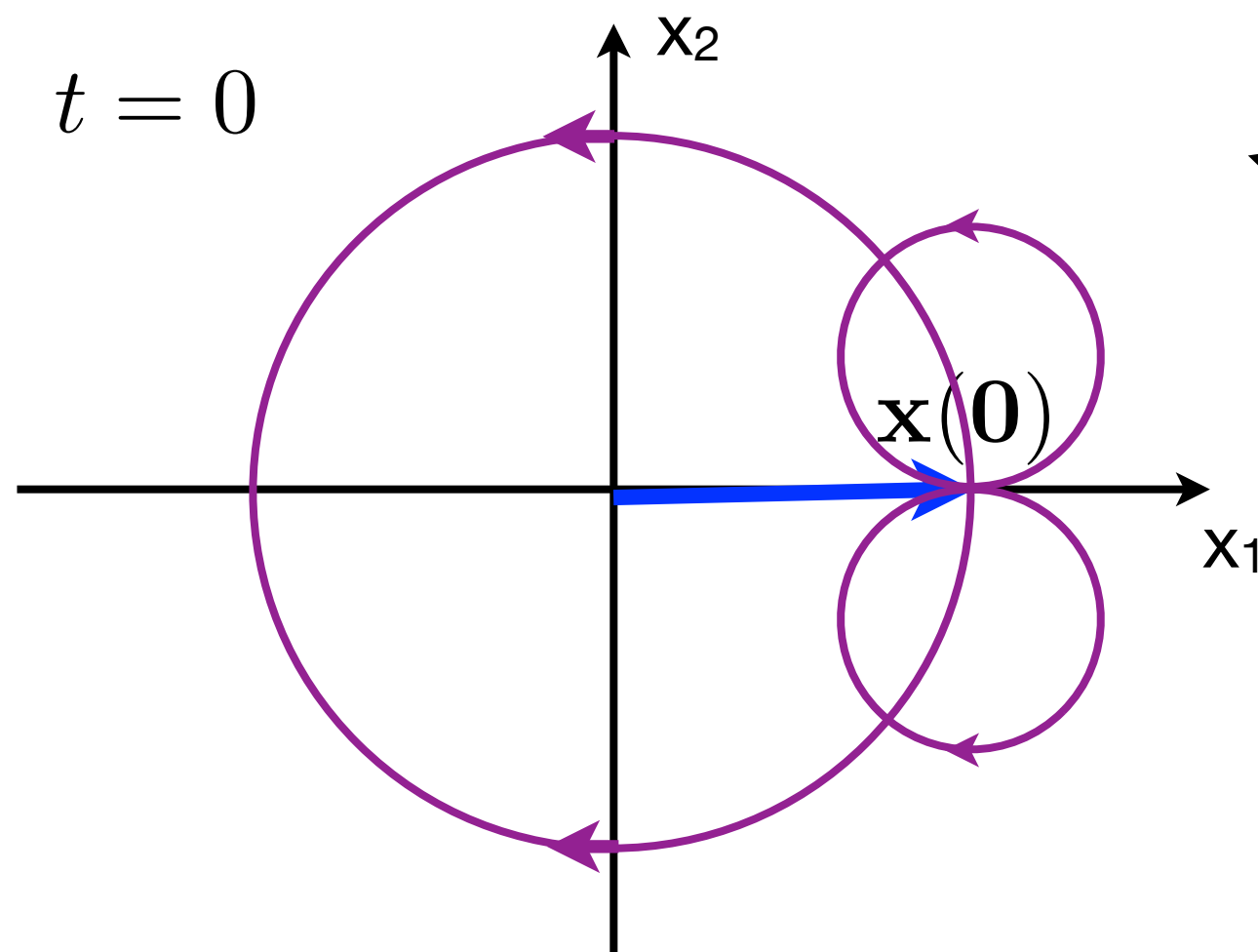
Complex eigenvalues - example

- But what about $\lambda_2 = -2\pi i$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$?

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{t}) &= e^{-2\pi i t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\cos(-2\pi t) + i \sin(-2\pi t)) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - i \sin(2\pi t) \\ -\sin(2\pi t) - i \cos(2\pi t) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t) \\ &\quad - i \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Complex eigenvalues - example

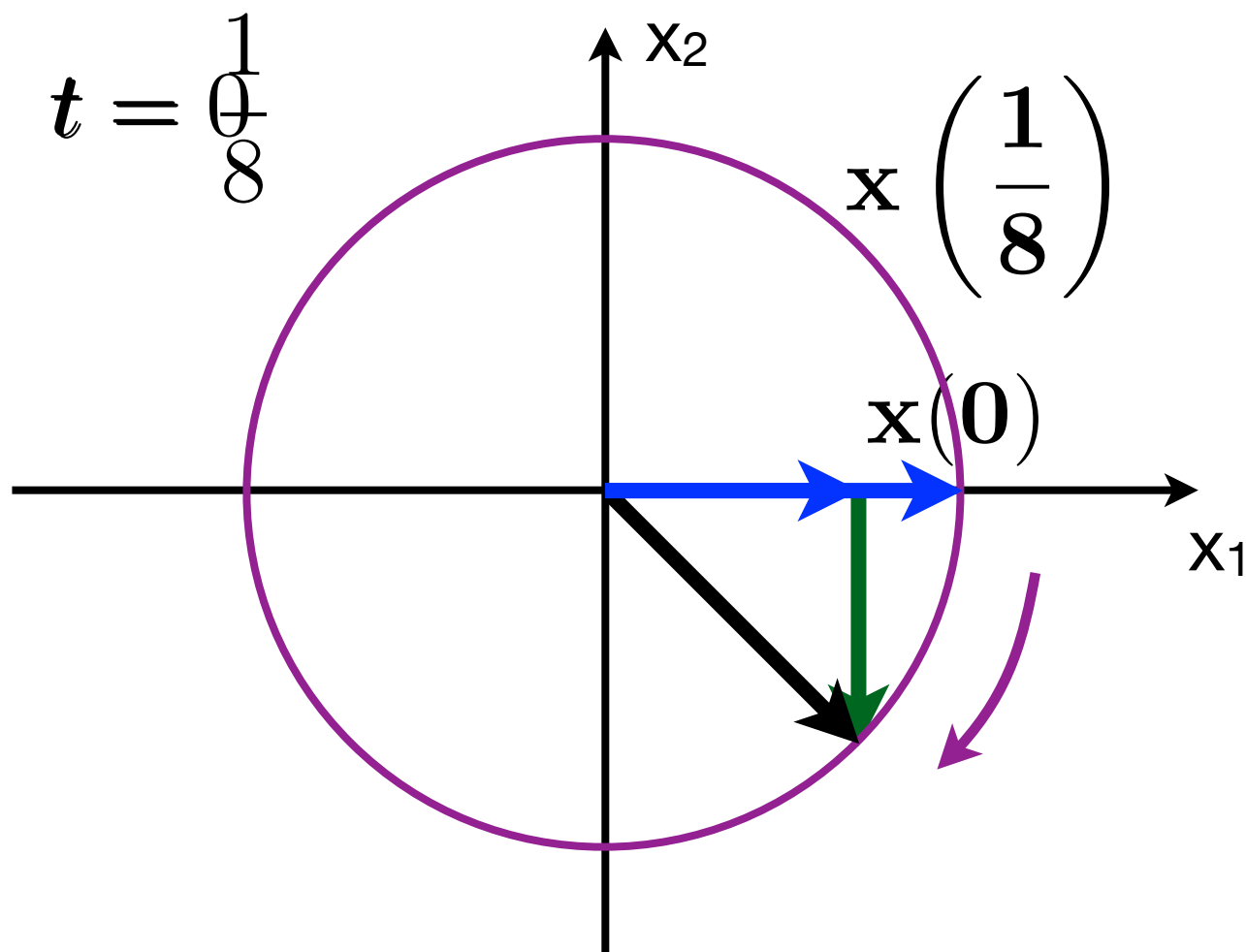
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t)$$



- What happens as t increases?
- ★ (A) The vector rotates clockwise.
- (B) The vector rotates counter-clockwise.
- (C) The tip of the vector maps out a circle in the first quadrant.
- (D) The tip of the vector maps out a circle in the fourth quadrant.
- (E) Explain please.

Complex eigenvalues - example

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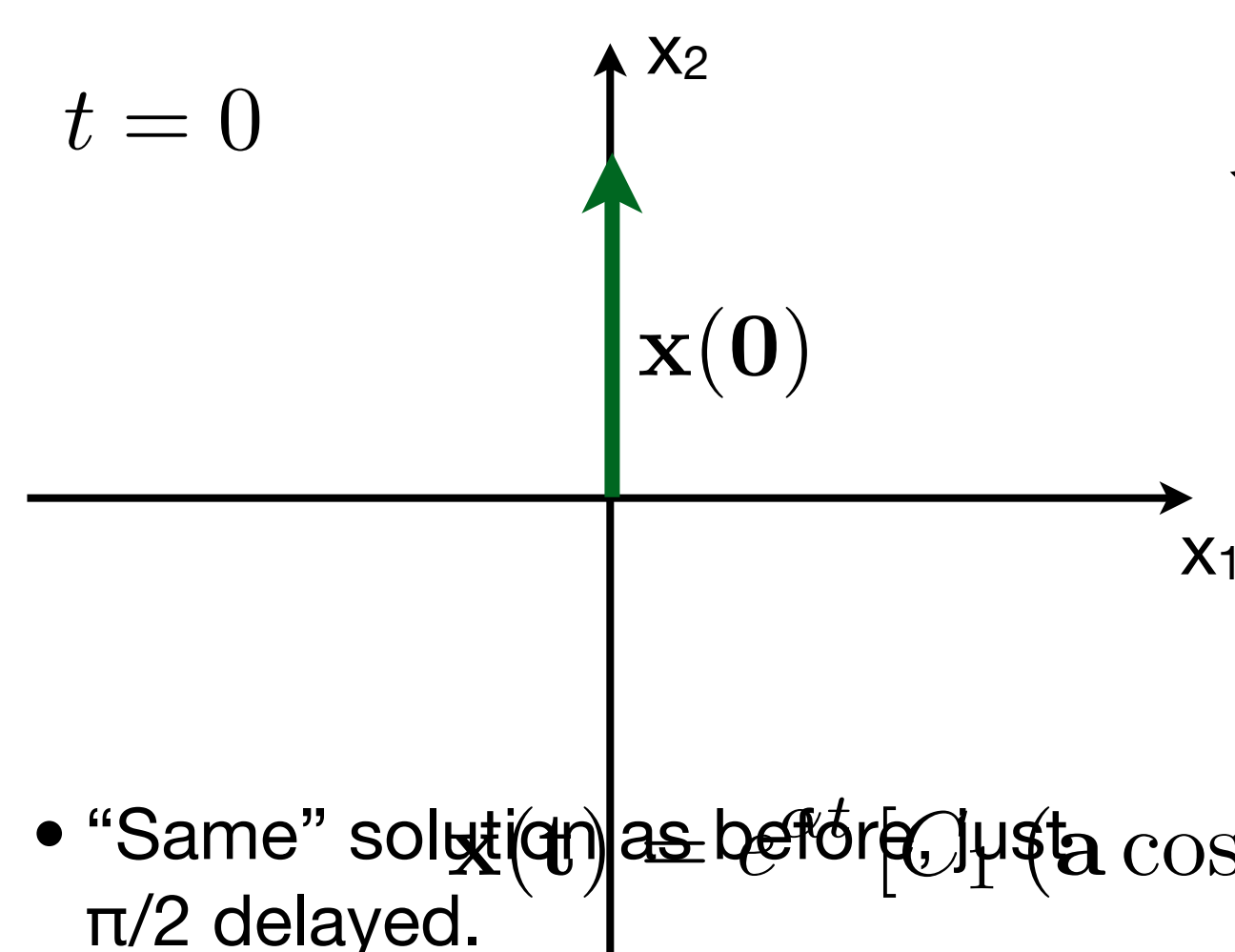


$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Complex eigenvalues - example

- Same equation, initial condition chosen so that $C_1=0$ and $C_2=1$.

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t)$$



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 - (B) The vector rotates counter-clockwise.

(C) The tip of the vector maps out a circle in the first quadrant.

(D) The tip of the vector maps out a circle in the second quadrant.

- “Same” solution as before, just $\pi/2$ delayed.

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{i\beta t} [C_1 (a \cos(\beta t) + b \sin(\beta t)) + C_2 (a \sin(\beta t) + b \cos(\beta t))] + \text{c.c.}$$

Complex eigenvalues - general case

- Looking at the general solution again...

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = e^{\alpha t} [C_1 (\mathbf{a} \cos(\beta t) - \mathbf{b} \sin(\beta t)) \\ + C_2 (\mathbf{a} \sin(\beta t) + \mathbf{b} \cos(\beta t))]$$

- Both parts rotate in the exact same way but the C_2 part is delayed by a quarter phase.
- If an initial condition lies neither parallel to vector \mathbf{a} nor to vector \mathbf{b} , C_1 and C_2 allow for intermediate phases to be achieved.
- $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t})$ can be rewritten (using trig identities) as

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) = M e^{\alpha t} (\mathbf{a} \cos(\beta t - \phi) - \mathbf{b} \sin(\beta t - \phi))$$

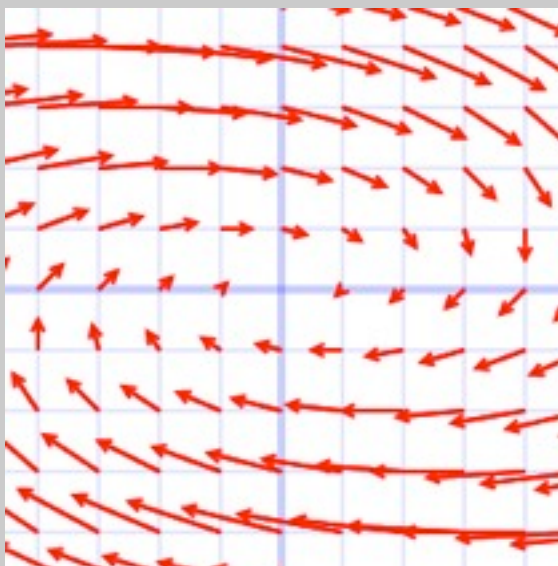
where M and ϕ are constants to replace C_1 and C_2 .

Complex eigenvalues - example

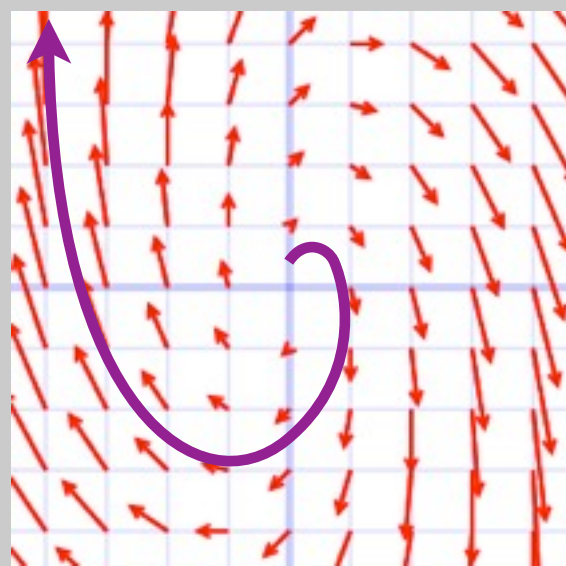
- Back to our earlier example where we found the general solution

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

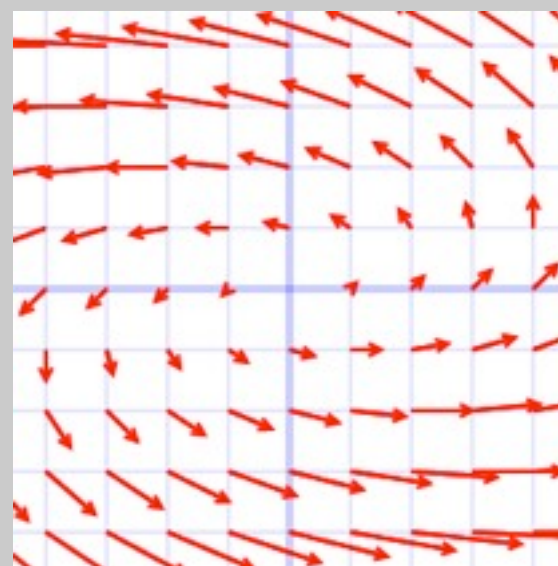
(A)



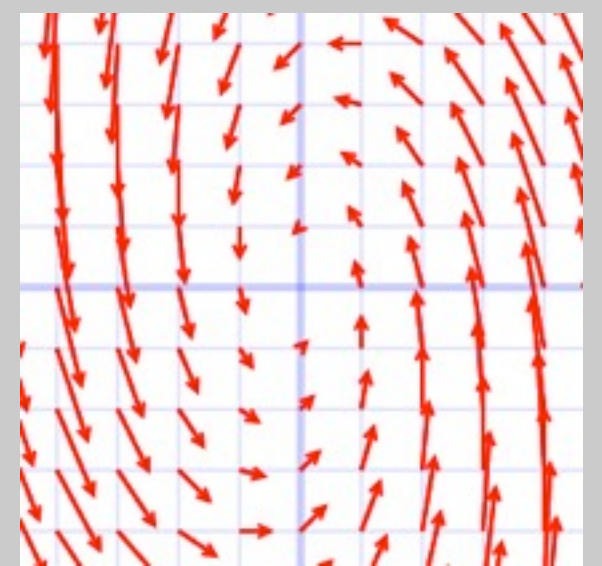
(B) ★



(C)



(D)



(E) Explain, please.