

# Today

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

# Calculating eigenvalues - trace/det shortcut

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

★ (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 (7.6) - example

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• 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 (7.6) - example

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

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- But we want real valued solutions.

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



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

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

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

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

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

$$r = 1 \pm 2i$$

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



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

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

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

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

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

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


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- Alternatively, multiply out the complex solution and extract real and imaginary parts:

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

- Simple case:  $C_1 = 1, C_2 = 0$

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

# Complex eigenvalues (7.6) - general case

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- 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 (7.6) - example

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Which of the following is a solution to the original equation?

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(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 (7.6) - example

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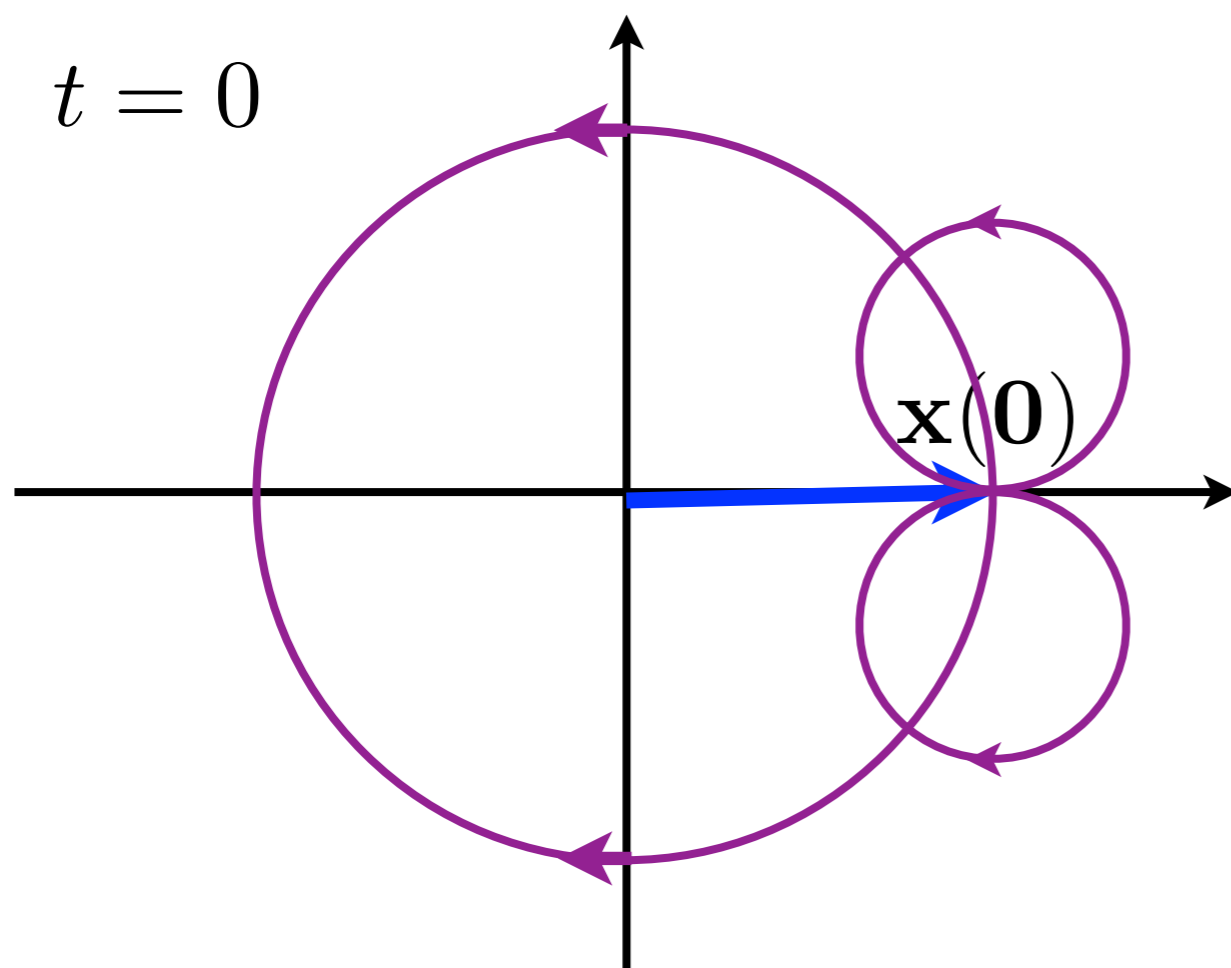
- But what about  $\lambda_2 = -2\pi i$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$ ?

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

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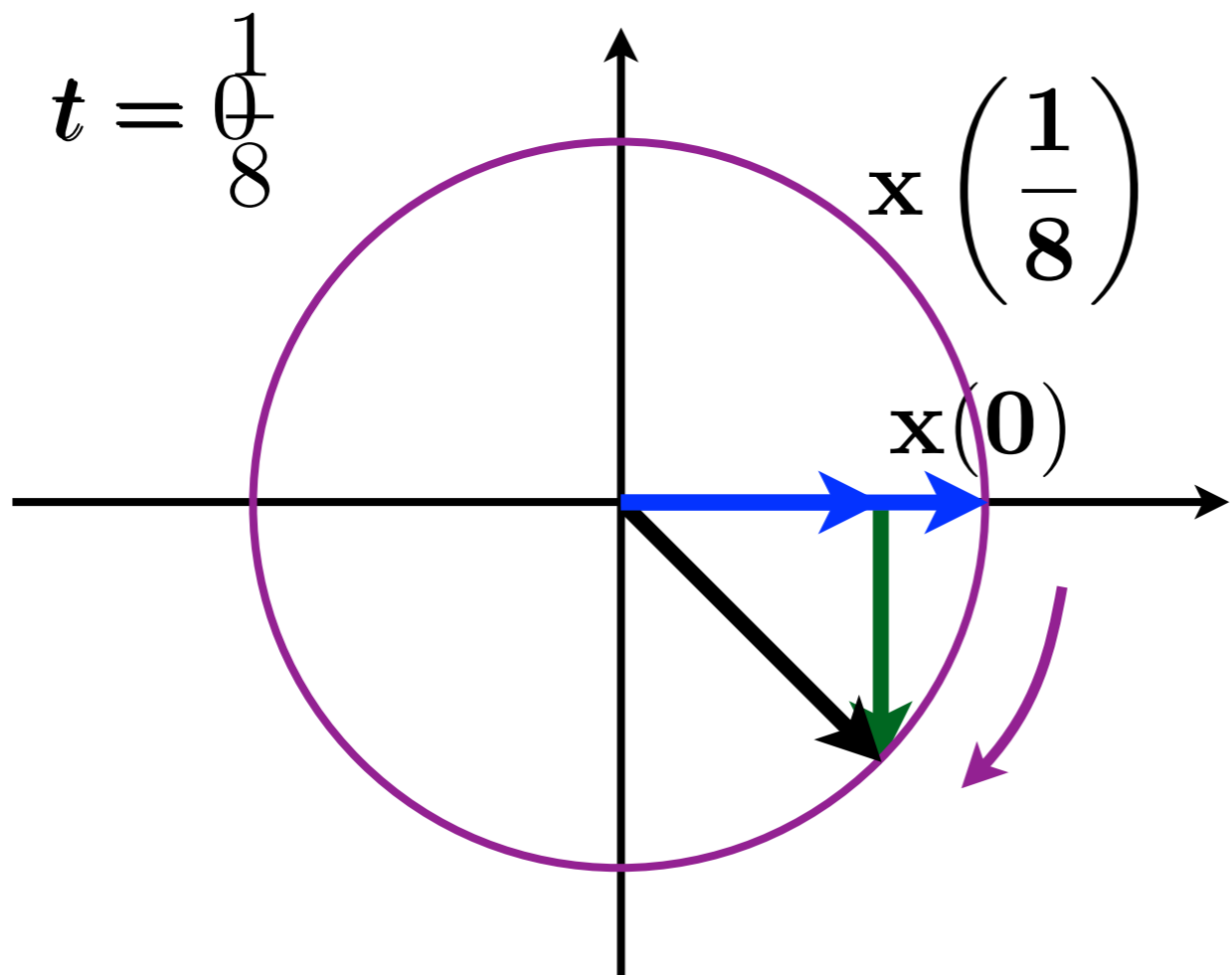
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(2\pi t) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin(2\pi t)$$



- 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 (7.6) - example

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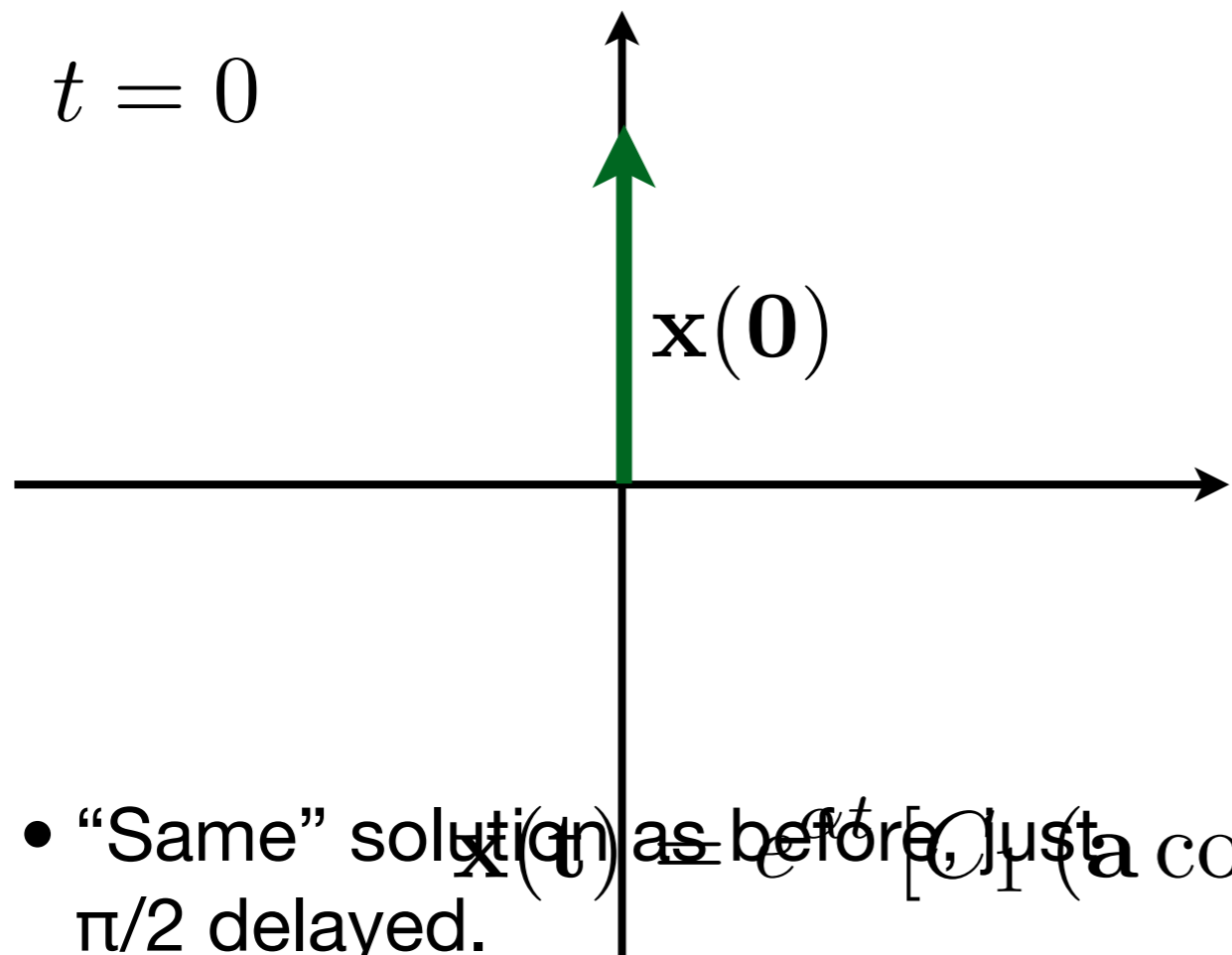
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}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

# Complex eigenvalues (7.6) - example

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

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

$t = 0$



- 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 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 (7.6) - general case

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- 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

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

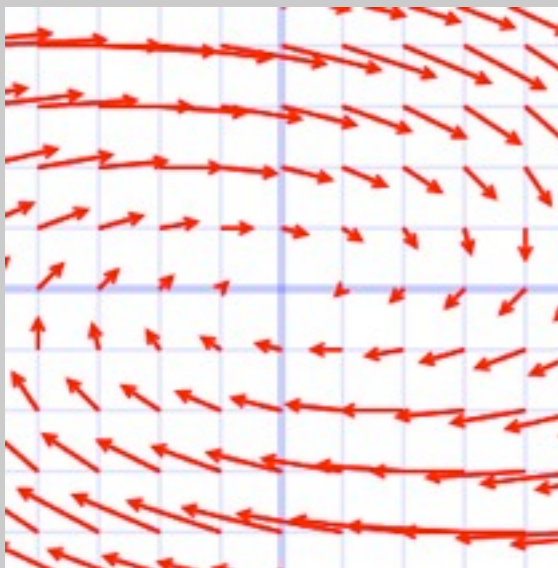
where  $M$  and  $\phi$  are constants to replace  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

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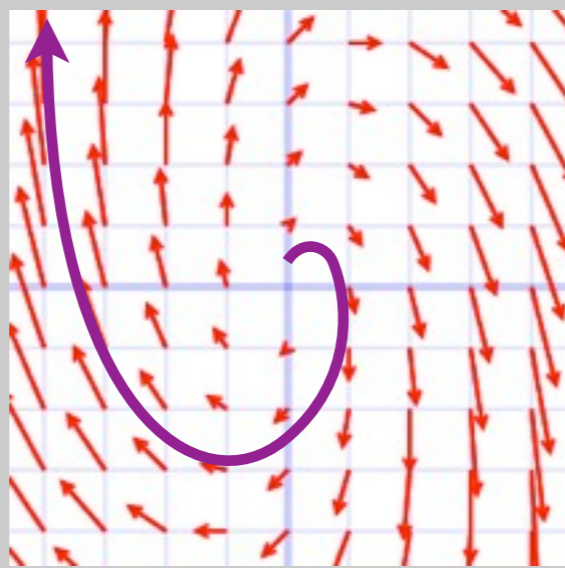
- Back to our earlier example where we found the general solution

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

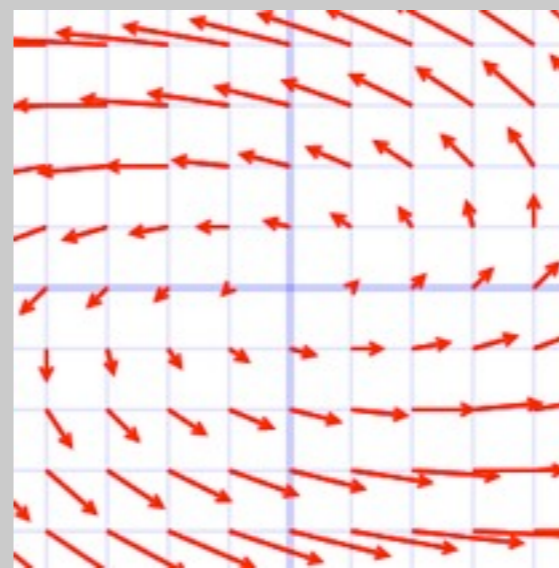
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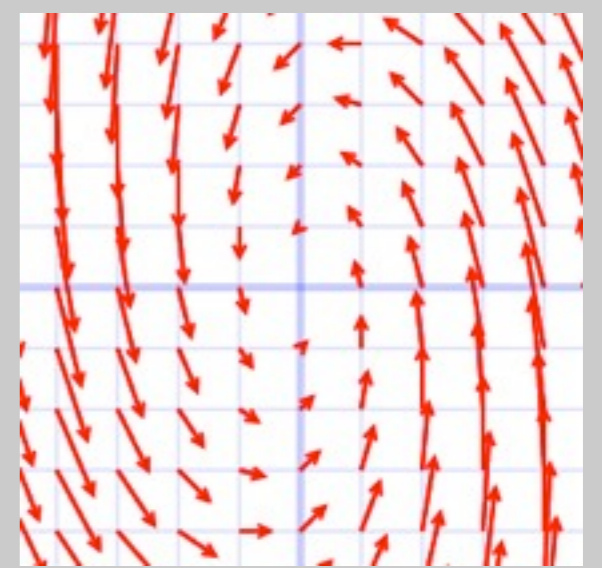
(B) ★



(C)



(D)



(E) Explain, please.