# Today

• Shapes of solutions for distinct eigenvalues case.

# Example

- Doc cam:
- $y(t) = C_1(1; 2) e^{-t} + C_2(1; -1) e^{t}$ 
  - With ICs
    - y(0) = (2;4)
    - y(0) = (2;2)
    - y(0) = (2;1)
  - Desmos: <u>https://www.desmos.com/calculator/tpelfq4nbe</u>

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When matrix A has distinct eigenvalues, the general solution to x'=Ax is

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 Going forward in time, the blue component shrinks slower than the green component grows so solutions appear closer to blue "axis" than to green "axis"



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