

## 7.6 Complex Eigenvalues

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$$r_{1,2} = \lambda \pm \mu i$$

Exp solve this system of DE's

$$x' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} x$$

• First solve  $x'$  for the eigenvalues  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ :

$$|A - rI| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-r & -1 \\ 5 & -3-r \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-r)(-3-r) - (-5) = 0$$

$$-3 - r + 3r + r^2 + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$= -1 \pm i$  complex eigenvalues

• To find the eigenvector  $\xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $r_1 = -1 - i$  we solve  $x^2$ :

$$(A - r_1 I) \xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1-r_1 & -1 \\ 5 & -3-r_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - (-1 - i) & -1 \\ 5 & -3 - (-1 - i) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2+i & -1 \\ 5 & -2+i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2+i)y_1 - y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow y_2 = (2+i)y_1$$

$$\text{Take } y_1 = 1 \Rightarrow y_2 = 2+i \Rightarrow \xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2+i \end{pmatrix}$$

• It can be shown that the 2<sup>nd</sup> eigenvector  $\xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix}$  which is conjugate of  $\xi_1$ . To see that we solve  $x^2 \Rightarrow$



$$(A - r_2 I) \xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 - r_2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 - r_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note  $r_2 = -1 + i$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 - i & -1 \\ 5 & -2 - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2 - i) z_1 - z_2 = 0 \Rightarrow z_2 = (2 - i) z_1$$

$$\text{Take } z_1 = 1 \Rightarrow z_2 = (2 - i) \Rightarrow \xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 - i \end{pmatrix}$$

- Hence, 1<sup>st</sup> complex solution is  $x_1(t) = \xi_1 e^{r_1 t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 + i \end{pmatrix} e^{(-1 - i)t}$
- 2<sup>nd</sup> complex solution is  $x_2(t) = \xi_2 e^{r_2 t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 - i \end{pmatrix} e^{(-1 + i)t}$

But we need to find real valued solutions:

So we use Euler Formula to find the first real solution ( $u(t)$  - real part) and the second real solution ( $v(t)$  - imaginary part)

We apply Euler Formula either on  $x_1(t)$  or  $x_2(t)$ :

$$x_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 + i \end{pmatrix} e^{(-1 - i)t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 + i \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} e^{-it}$$

Euler Formular  
 $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$

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

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

$$= e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t - i\sin t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t + i\cos t - 2i\sin t \end{pmatrix}$$



$$x_1(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix} + i e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t - 2\sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

$u(t)$  - real part

$v(t)$  - imaginary part

Hence, the gen. sol. is

$$x(t) = c_1 u(t) + c_2 v(t)$$

$$= c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t - 2\sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark If we take  $x_2(t)$  we get the same  $u(t)$  and  $v(t) \Rightarrow$

$$x_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix} e^{(-1+i)t} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix} e^{it} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix} (\cos t + i \sin t)$$

$$= e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + i \sin t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t - i \cos t + 2i \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix} - i e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t - 2\sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

$u(t)$  - real part

$v(t)$  - imaginary part

the negative sign goes in  $c_2$

Remark • If  $\lambda < 0$ , then the origin is asymptotically stable spiral Eq. point  
 • If  $\lambda > 0$ , " " " = unstable spiral Eq. point  
 • If  $\lambda = 0$ , " " " = stable Eq. point

