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Homogeneous linear systems with constant coeff.

Consider A an $n \times n$ matrix. Then

$$\vec{x}'(t) = A \vec{x}(t) \text{ is a homog. lin. sys. w/ const. coeff.}$$

Suppose \vec{v} is an eigenvector of A with $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.

Guess: $\vec{v}e^{\lambda t}$ is a solution.

1) $(\vec{v}e^{\lambda t})' = \vec{v}\lambda e^{\lambda t}$

2) $A(\vec{v}e^{\lambda t}) = (A\vec{v})e^{\lambda t} = \lambda\vec{v}e^{\lambda t}$

Indeed, it is a solution.

If A has n (~~distinct~~) eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ and $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ the eigenvectors,

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n e^{\lambda_n t}$$

is ~~the~~ a general solution to $\vec{x}'(t) = A\vec{x}(t)$.

Why? 1) there are n solutions in $\{\vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, \vec{v}_n e^{\lambda_n t}\}$

2) they are independent ~~because~~ because

~~$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are lin. indep. (eval. at $t=0$)~~

~~because $e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t}$ are~~

By existence & uniqueness, this is a fund. sol. set.

Another way to understand this: $A = PDP^{-1}$

when there is a basis of eigenvectors.

$$\vec{x}' = PDP^{-1}\vec{x} \Rightarrow (P^{-1}\vec{x})' = D(P^{-1}\vec{x})$$

$$\text{let } \vec{y} = P^{-1}\vec{x}. \quad \vec{y}' = D\vec{y}$$

$$\text{ex } \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Char poly: } & \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda I\right) \\ & = \det\begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 \\ & = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 \\ & = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) \end{aligned}$$

e.vals $\lambda = 3, -1$. Distinct so def. diagonalizable

$$\lambda = 3: \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - 3I\right) = \text{Nul}\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Nul}\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\lambda = -1: \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + I\right) = \text{Nul}\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Nul}\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{so } \vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$

but: for $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ said

by letting $\vec{y} = P^{-1}\vec{x}$ get

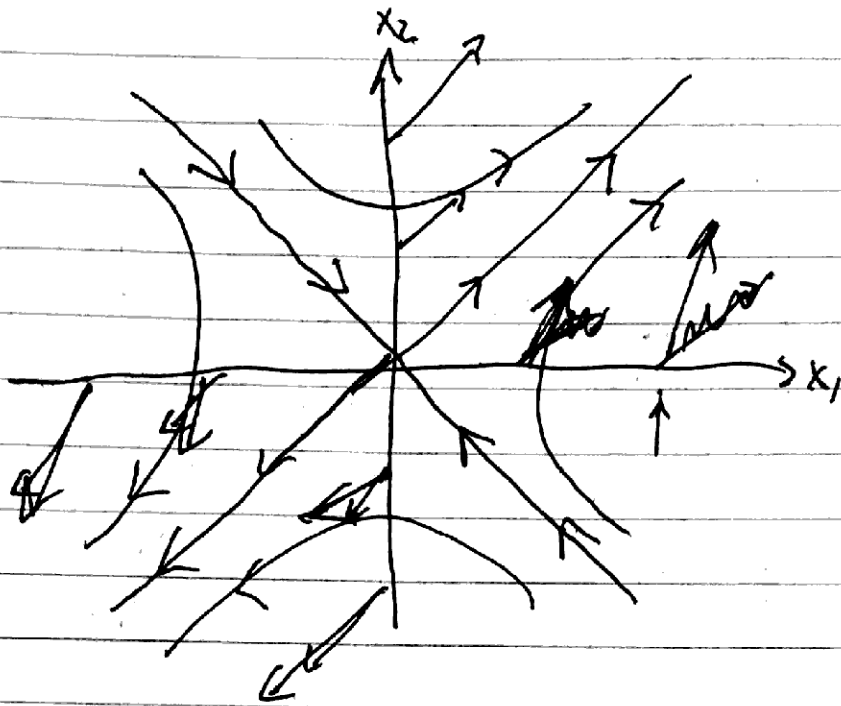
$$\vec{y}' = D\vec{y} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = 3y_1 \\ y_2' = -y_2 \end{cases}$$

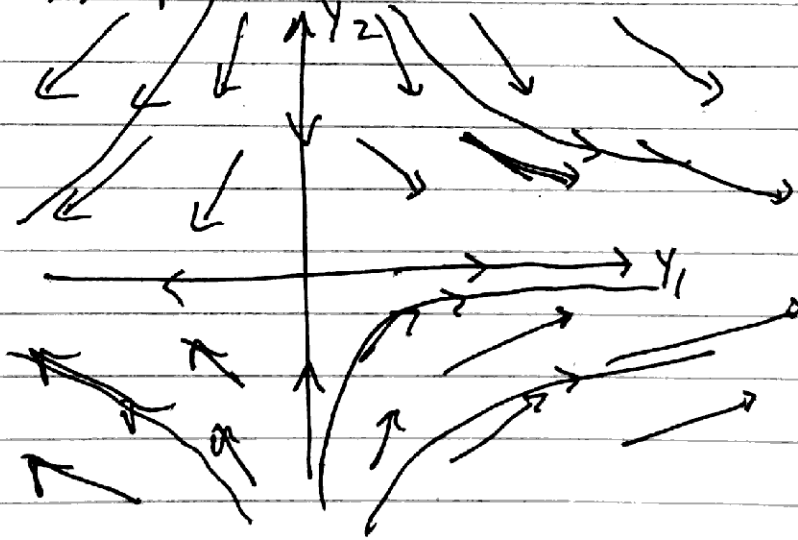
$$\begin{cases} y_1' = 3y_1 \\ y_2' = -y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{solution: } \begin{aligned} y_1 &= c_1 e^{3t} \\ y_2 &= c_2 e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= P \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{3t} \\ c_2 e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$



in basis P :



ex $\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$

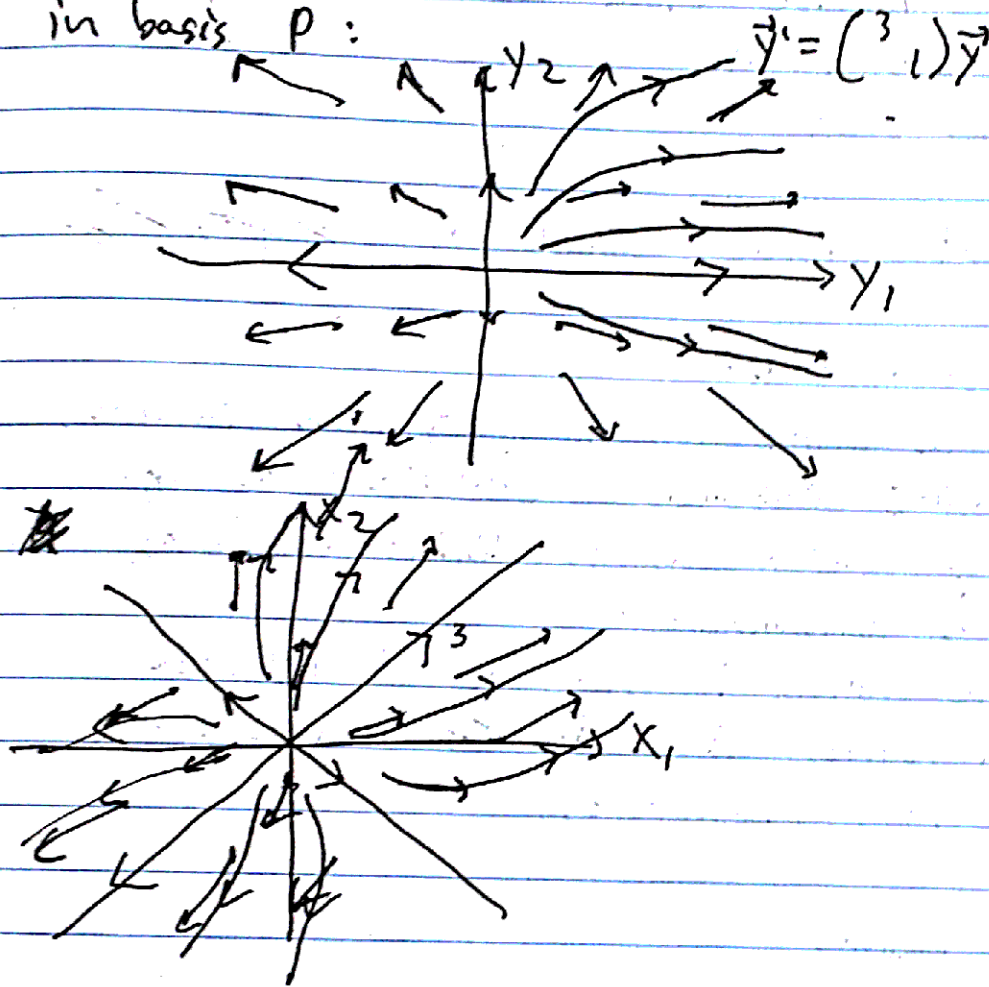
char poly = $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 - 1$
 $= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = (\lambda-3)(\lambda-1)$

$\lambda=3$: $\text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 2-3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-3 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$\lambda=1$: $\text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 2-1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

SO $\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$

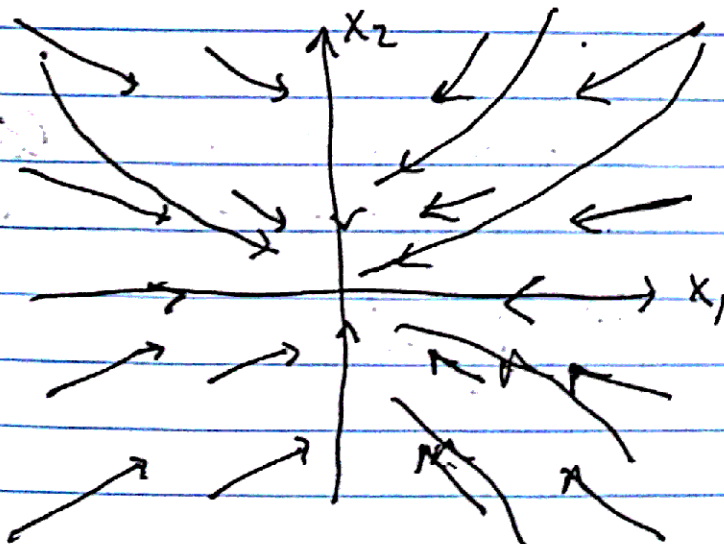
in basis P :



~~Another example~~

ex $\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$\vec{x} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$



$$\begin{pmatrix} a-1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (-1)(a-\lambda) + 1 = \lambda^2 - a\lambda + 1$$

$$a^2 - 4$$

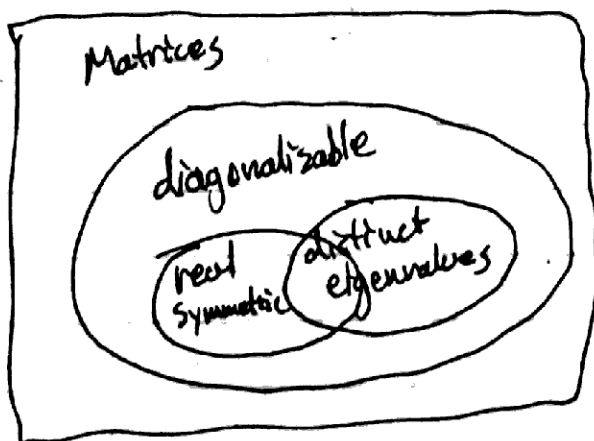
Now, we have seen

- 2 positive e.vals
- 1 pos 1 neg
- 2 neg

All that remains would be ~~complex~~ non-real

First, some facts:

- If a matrix has n linearly indep. eigenvectors then it is diagonalizable (and the above applies)
- If a matrix has n distinct eigenvalues, it is diagonalizable
- If a matrix is symmetric ($A=A^T$) with real entries, it ~~is~~ is diagonalizable (w/ real eigenvalues)



What about complex eigenvalues? We will use the following toy model

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{x}$$

char poly: $\begin{vmatrix} 2a-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda(2a-\lambda) + 1$

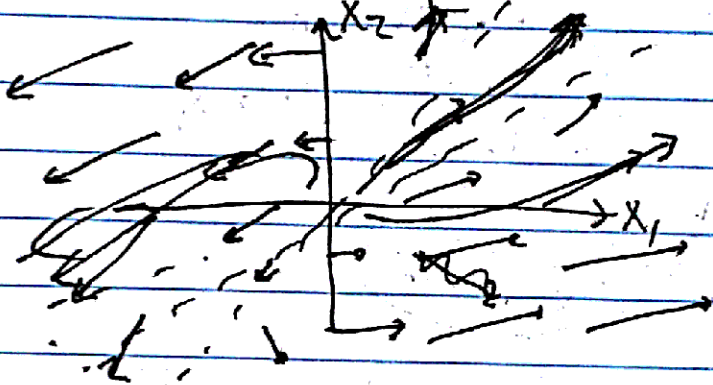
$$= \lambda^2 - 2a\lambda + 1$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2a \pm \sqrt{(2a)^2 - 4}}{2} = a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$$

If $a^2 - 1 > 0$ then two distinct real roots

ex $a=2$

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$



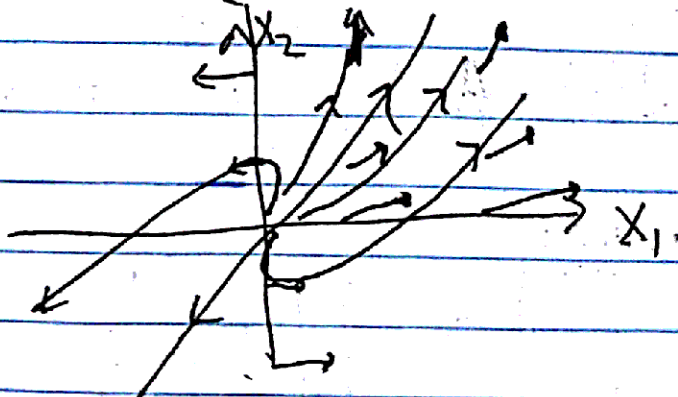
If $a^2 - 1 = 0$, then double root.

ex $a=1$: $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\lambda = 1$

$$\text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 2-1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Basis: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ (not diagonalizable)

yet:

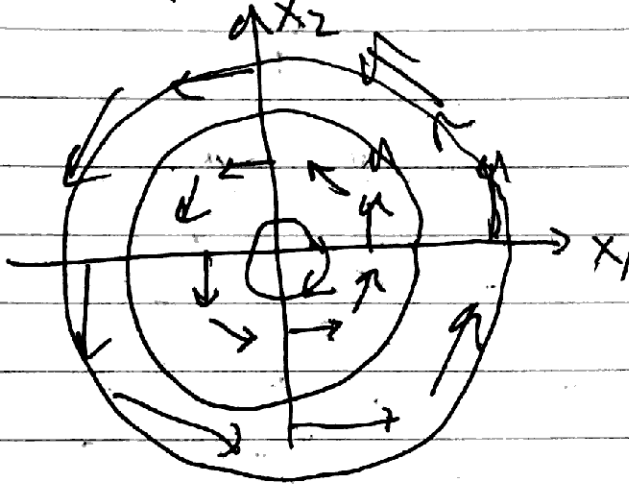


If $a^2 - 1 < 0$

roots: $\pm i\sqrt{1-a^2}$

Case I: $a=0$

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$$



eivals: $\pm i$ (diagonalizable)

$$\lambda = i: \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & 0-i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\lambda = -i: \text{Nul} \begin{pmatrix} 0+i & 1 \\ 1 & 0+i \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

~~Diagonalizable~~

$$\vec{x}(t) = d_1 \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{it} + d_2 \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-it}$$

however:

$$\begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} i$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} i$$

so eigenvectors of form $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \pm \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} i$

Book gives real representation

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{ot} \cos t - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{ot} \sin t \right) \\ + C_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{ot} \sin t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{ot} \cos t \right)$$

~~$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cos t$~~

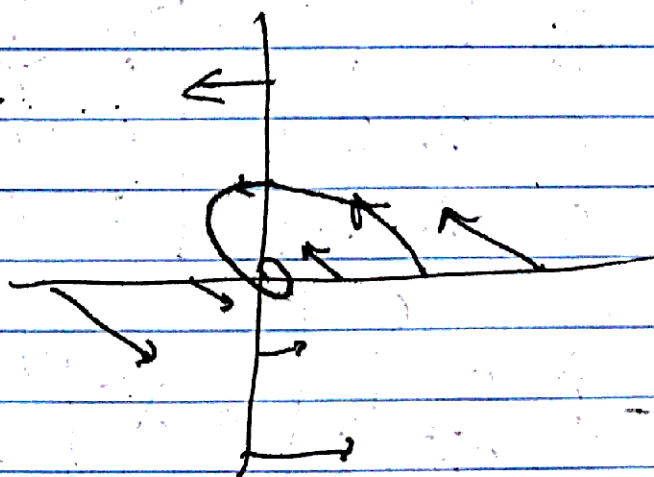
$$= C_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\sin t & \cos t \\ \cos t & \sin t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(periodic, at least!)

Case II: $a < 0$. ex: $a = -1/2$

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$$



spiral inward

$$(-1-\lambda)(-\lambda) + 1 = \lambda^2 + \lambda + 1$$

e. vals: $\lambda = \cancel{\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i\sqrt{1 - (\frac{1}{2})^2}$
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}$

two evecs of form $\vec{a} \pm i\vec{b}$

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1(\vec{a} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t) - \vec{b} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t)) + c_2(\vec{a} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t) + \vec{b} e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t))$$

Case III: $a > 0$. ex: $\frac{1}{2}$ ~~$\frac{1}{2}$~~

ex $\begin{bmatrix} m & k \\ m & m \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{k}{m} & \frac{k}{m} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{k}{m} & \frac{k}{m} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

let $c = \frac{k}{m}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ c & c & -\lambda & 0 \\ c & c & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ c & -\lambda & 0 \\ c & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ c & c & 0 \\ c & c & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -c & c & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & c & -\frac{c}{\lambda} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{c}{\lambda} & -\lambda \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ \frac{c}{\lambda} & -\lambda & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$