30 points 1. Find the solution of the initial-value problem

$$x' = -3x - z$$
  

$$y' = 3x + 2y + 3z$$
  

$$z' = 2x$$

with x(0) = 1, y(0) = -1 and z(0) = 2.

Solution In matrix form, the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$
eigen-pairs of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are

$$\lambda_1 = -2, \quad \lambda_2 = -1, \quad \lambda_3 = 2$$
  
 $v_1 = (-1, 0, 1)^T, \quad v_2 = (1, 1, -2)^T, \quad v_3 = (0, 1, 0)^T.$ 

The general solution is

The

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If x(0) = 1, y(0) = -1 and z(0) = 2, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1\\-1\\2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\-2 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We find that  $c_1 = -4$ ,  $c_2 = -3$ , and  $c_3 = 2$ . Hence the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = -4e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + 2e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4e^{-2t} - 3e^{-t} \\ 3e^{-t} + 2e^{2t} \\ -4e^{-2t} + 6e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

30 points 2. Find the solution of the initial-value problem

$$x' = -3x$$
  

$$y' = -5x + 6y - 4z$$
  

$$z' = -5x + 2y$$

with x(0) = -2, y(0) = 0 and z(0) = 2.

Solution In matrix form, the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 6 & -4 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigen-pairs of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 6 & -4 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are

$$\lambda_1 = 4, \quad \lambda_2 = -3, \quad \lambda_3 = 2$$
  
 $v_1 = (0, 2, 1)^T, \quad v_2 = (1, 1, 1)^T, \quad v_3 = (0, 1, 1)^T.$ 

The general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t)\\ y(t)\\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 2\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

If x(0) = -2, y(0) = 0 and z(0) = 2, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2\\0\\2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0\\2\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We find that  $c_1 = -2$ ,  $c_2 = -2$ , and  $c_3 = 6$ . Hence the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = -2e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 6e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2e^{-3t} \\ -4e^{4t} - 2e^{-3t} + 6e^{2t} \\ -2e^{4t} - 2e^{-3t} + 6e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

30 points 3. Find the solution of the initial-value problem

$$x' = -4x + 8y + 8z$$
$$y' = -4x + 4y + 2z$$
$$z' = 2z$$

with x(0) = 1, y(0) = 0 and z(0) = 0.

Solution In matrix form, the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 8 & 8 \\ -4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigen-pairs of 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 8 & 8 \\ -4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
 are  
 $\lambda_1 = 2, \quad \lambda_2 = 4i, \quad \lambda_3 = -4i$   
 $v_1 = (0, -1, 1)^T, \quad v_2 = (1 - i, 1, 0)^T, \quad v_3 = (1 + i, 1, 0)^T.$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t)\\ y(t)\\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t + \sin 4t\\ \cos 4t\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 4t + \sin 4t\\ \sin 4t\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If x(0) = 1, y(0) = 0 and z(0) = 0, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0\\-1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We find that  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = 0$ , and  $c_3 = -1$ . Hence the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t - \sin 4t \\ -\sin 4t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

30 points 4. Find the solution of the initial-value problem

$$x' = 6x - 4z$$
$$y' = 8x - 2y$$
$$z' = 8x - 2z$$

with x(0) = -2, y(0) = -1 and z(0) = 0.

Solution In matrix form, the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & -4 \\ 8 & -2 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$
  
The eigen-pairs of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & -4 \\ 8 & -2 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$  are  
$$\lambda_1 = -2, \quad \lambda_2 = 2 + 4i, \quad \lambda_3 = 2 - 4i$$
$$v_1 = (0, 1, 0)^T, \quad v_2 = (1 + i, 2, 2)^T, \quad v_3 = (1 - i, 2, 2)^T.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t - \sin 4t \\ 2\cos 4t \\ 2\cos 4t \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t + \sin 4t \\ 2\sin 4t \\ 2\sin 4t \end{pmatrix}$$

If x(0) = -2, y(0) = -1 and z(0) = 0, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2\\ -1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 2\\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We find that  $c_1 = -1$ ,  $c_2 = 0$ , and  $c_3 = -2$ . Hence the solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = -e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t + \sin 4t \\ 2\sin 4t \\ 2\sin 4t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2e^{2t}(\cos 4t + \sin 4t) \\ -e^{-2t} - 4e^{2t}\sin 4t \\ -4e^{2t}\sin 4t \end{pmatrix}$$

30 points 5. Find the general solution of the system

$$x' = 6x - 5y + 10z$$
$$y' = -x + 2y - 2z$$
$$z' = -x + y - z$$

Solution In matrix form, the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigen-pairs of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  are  $\lambda_1 = 5, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1 \qquad v_1 = (-5, 1, 1)^T, \quad v_2 = (1, 1, 0)^T, \quad v_3 = (-2, 0, 1)^T.$ 

Note that the eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = 1$  has geometric multiplicity 2 equal to its algebraic multiplicity. The general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t)\\ y(t)\\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{5t} \begin{pmatrix} -5\\ 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^t \begin{pmatrix} -2\\ 0\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

30 points 6. Find the general solution of the system

$$x' = -2x + y - z$$
  

$$y' = x - 3y$$
  

$$z' = 3x - 5y$$

Solution In matrix form, the system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$
  
The eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  are  
 $\lambda_1 = -1, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -2$ 

The eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = -1$  has geometric multiplicity 1, and an eigenvector is  $v_1 = (-2, -1, 1)^T$ , leading to the solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{tA}v_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t}v_1 = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -2\\ -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = -2$  has geometric multiplicity 1, less than its algebraic multiplicity, and an eigenvector is  $v_2 = (1, 1, 1)^T$ , leading to the solution

$$y_2(t) = e^{tA}v_2 = e^{\lambda_2 t}v_2 = e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that

$$(A - \lambda_2 I)^2 = (A + 2I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus null $((A - \lambda_2 I)^2)$  has dimension two, equalling its algebraic multiplicity. We pick a vector in the nullspace of  $(A - \lambda_2 I)^2$ ) that is not in the nullspace of  $A - \lambda_2$ , for example,  $v_3 = (-1, 0, 1)^T$ , leading to the solution

$$y_{3}(t) = e^{tA}v_{3} = e^{\lambda_{2}t}(v_{3} + t(A - \lambda_{2}I)v_{3})$$
  
=  $e^{-2t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1\\1 & -1 & 0\\3 & -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0\\1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$   
=  $e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1-t\\-t\\1-t \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) + c_3 y_3(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} -1 - t \\ -t \\ 1 - t \end{pmatrix}$$

30 points

7. Classify the equilibrium point of the system y' = Ay. Sketch the phase portrait by hand.

(1) 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -16 & 9 \\ -18 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ -6 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  (3)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -5 \\ 10 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$   
(4)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  (5)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5 \\ 10 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$  (6)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 10 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$   
(7)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  (8)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (9)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -10 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Solution (1) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -16 & 9\\ -18 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = -5 and the determinant is D = -14 < 0. Hence, the equilibrium point at the origin is a saddle. Further, the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = \lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 14$$

which produces eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -7$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ . Because

$$A - \lambda_1 I = A + 7I = \begin{pmatrix} -9 & 9\\ -18 & 18 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = (1, 1)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 = e^{-7t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Because

$$A - \lambda_2 I = A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} -18 & 9 \\ -18 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_2 = (1, 2)^T$$

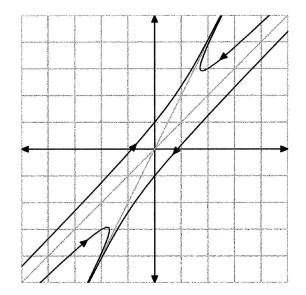
leading to the exponential solution

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 e^{-7t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions approach the halfline generated by  $c_2(1,2)^T$  as they move forward in time, but they approach the halfline generated by  $c_1(1,1)^T$  as they move backward in time. A hand sketch follows



(2) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 3\\ -6 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = 7 and the determinant is D = 10 > 0. Further,  $T^2 - 4D = 9 > 0$ , so the equilibrium point at the origin is a nodal source. Further, the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10$$

which produces eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$ . Because

$$A - \lambda_1 I = A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -6 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = (1, -2)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Because

$$A - \lambda_2 I = A - 5I = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ -6 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_2 = (1, -1)^T$$

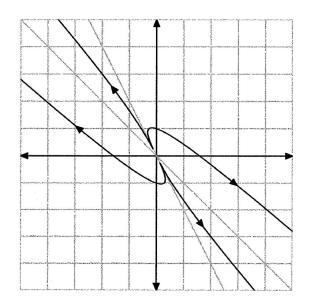
leading to the exponential solution

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 = e^{5t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{5t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions emanate from the source tangent to the "slow" halfline generated by  $c_1(1, -2)^T$ and eventually parallel the "fast" halfline generated by  $c_2(1, -1)^T$  as they move forward in time. A hand sketch follows



(3) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & -5\\ 10 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = -7 and the determinant is D = 6 > 0. Further,  $T^2 - 4D = 25 > 0$ , so the equilibrium point at the origin is a nodal sink. Further, the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = \lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 6$$

which produces eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -6$ . Because

$$A - \lambda_1 I = A + I = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & -5\\ 10 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = (1, -2)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Because

$$A - \lambda_2 I = A + 6I = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -5\\ 10 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_2 = (1, -1)^T$$

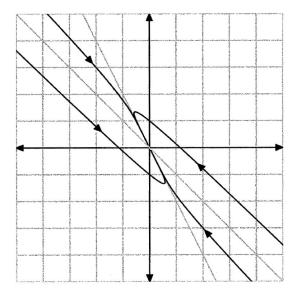
leading to the exponential solution

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 = e^{-6t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-6t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions approach the origin tangent to the "slow" halfline generated by  $c_1(1,-2)^T$ . As time move backward, solutions eventually parallel the "fast" halfline generated by  $c_2(1,-1)^T$ . A hand sketch follows



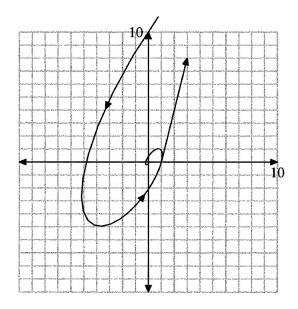
(4) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = -4 and the determinant is D = 20 > 0. Further,  $T^2 - 4D = -64 < 0$ , so the equilibrium point at the origin is a spiral sink. At (1,0),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 8 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the motion is counterclockwise. A hand sketch follows



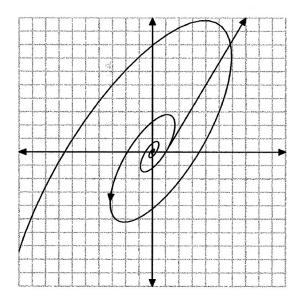
(5) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5\\ 10 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = 2 and the determinant is D = 26 > 0. Further,  $T^2 - 4D = -100 < 0$ , so the equilibrium point at the origin is a spiral source. At (1, 0),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -5\\ 10 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6\\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the motion is counterclockwise. A hand sketch follows



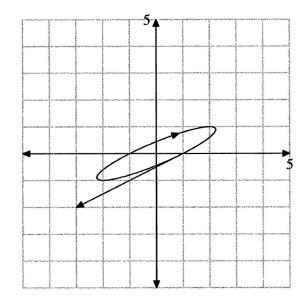
(6) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 10 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = 0 and the determinant is D = 4, so the equilibrium point at the origin is a center. At (1, 0),

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 10 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the rotation is clockwise. A hand sketch follows



(7) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4\\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = 8 > 0 and the determinant is D = 16 > 0. Further,  $T^2 - 4D = 0$ , so the equilibrium point at the origin is a degenerate nodal source. Further, the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16$$

which produces a single eigenvalue  $\lambda = 4$ . Because

$$A - \lambda I = A - 4I = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = (2, -1)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda t} v_1 = e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find another solution, we must solve  $(A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1$ . Start with any vector that is not a multiple of  $v_1$ , say  $w = (1, 0)^T$ . Then

$$(A - \lambda I)w = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = v_1$$

Thus, let  $v_2 = w = (1, 0)^T$ . A second, independent solution is

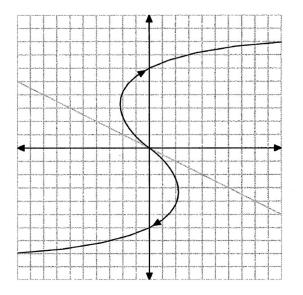
$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda t}(v_2 + tv_1) = e^{4t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2\\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{4t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$
$$= e^{4t} \left( (c_1 + c_2 t) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Solutions emanate from the origin tangent to the halfline generated by  $c_1(2,-1)^T$  and eventually parallel the halfline as they move forward in time. At (1,0),

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the rotation is clockwise. A hand sketch follows



(8) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = -4 < 0 and the determinant is D = 4. Further,  $T^2 - 4D = 0$ , so the equilibrium point at the origin is a degenerate nodal sink. Further, the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4$$

which produces a single eigenvalue  $\lambda = -2$ . Because

$$A - \lambda I = A + 2I = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = (2, -1)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda t} v_1 = e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find another solution, we must solve  $(A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1$ . Start with any vector that is not a multiple of  $v_1$ , say  $w = (1, 0)^T$ . Then

$$(A - \lambda I)w = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4\\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -v_1$$

Thus, let  $v_2 = -w = (-1, 0)^T$ . A second, independent solution is

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda t}(v_2 + tv_1) = e^{-2t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2\\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

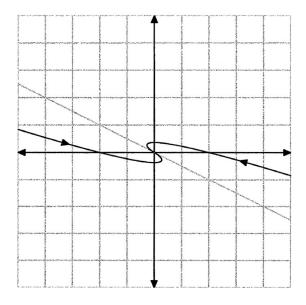
The general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-2t} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$
$$= e^{-2t} \left( (c_1 + c_2 t) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Solutions decay to the origin tangent to the halfline generated by  $c_1(2,-1)^T$ . As time marches backward, the solutions also turn parallel to the halfline. At (1,0),

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so the rotation is counterclockwise. A hand sketch follows



(9) If

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1\\ -10 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

then the trace is T = -3 < 0 and the determinant is D = 0. Thus, this degenerate case lies on the horizontal axis in the trace-determinant plane, separating the saddles from the nodal sinks. Further, the characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - T\lambda + D = \lambda^2 + 3\lambda$$

which produces eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = -3$ . Because

$$A - \lambda_1 I = A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -10 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_1 = (1, -2)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which produces a whole line of equilibrium points. Everything on the line generated by  $v_1$  is an equilibrium point. Because

$$A - \lambda_2 I = A + 3I = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -10 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v_2 = (1, -5)^T$$

leading to the exponential solution

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 = e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each Solution in this family is the sum of a fixed multiple of  $(1, -2)^T$  and a decaying multiple of  $(1, -5)^T$ . Thus, as  $t \to \infty$ , solutions move in lines parallel to  $(1, -5)^T$ , decaying into the line of equilibrium. A hand sketch follows

