

differential equations

linear systems

phase plane portraits

stability

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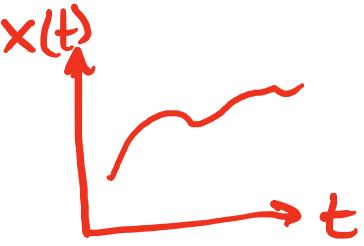


# First Order Ordinary Differential Equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = f(t, x(t))$$

state  
vector field  
ordinary derivative (not partial derivative)  
first order because the highest derivative is 1

Solve  $\longrightarrow x(t) = \dots$



# Autonomous Differential Equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} x(t) = f(x(t))$$

no explicit dependence on independent variable

↳ When independent variable is time: autonomous = time-invariant

# System of Autonomous Differential Equations



$$\dot{x}_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2)$$

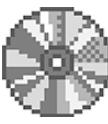
LINEAR System:

$$\dot{x}_1 = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} = Ax$$



→ Many physical systems are modeled by linear systems

↳ Newton's laws:  $F=ma$

Example of converting a higher order linear differential equation to a linear system:

$$\ddot{y} + \alpha \dot{y} + \beta y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{let } x_1 = y \rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = \dot{y} = x_2 \\ x_2 = \dot{y} \quad \dot{x}_2 = \ddot{y} = -\alpha \dot{y} - \beta y \\ = -\alpha x_2 - \beta x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\alpha x_2 - \beta x_1 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\beta & -\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvalues: } \lambda = \frac{1}{2} p \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}$$



Eigenvalue can be:

For now, we assume  $A$  has no eigenvalues with zero real part.  $\hookrightarrow$  Only equilibrium  $\dot{x}=0$  is at  $x=0$

$$p = \underbrace{a_{11} + a_{22}}_{\text{tr}(A)}, \quad q = \underbrace{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}}_{\det(A)}$$

$p^2 < 4q$ : ① complex conjugates:  $\lambda = \alpha \pm i\beta$

$p^2 > 4q$ : real:

- ② both positive
- ③ both negative }  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$
- ④ opposite sign

Note that  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is always a solution of a linear system and that at  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , thus this point is an **equilibrium**.

# Linear System solutions (Linear, constant coefficients)



Guess a <sup>non-trivial</sup> solution:  $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$

$$\dot{x} = Ax \implies \lambda e^{\lambda t} v = Ae^{\lambda t} v \implies \lambda v = Av$$

t must hold for all t

Solutions are of the form:  $x(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 + \dots + C_n e^{\lambda_n t} v_n$

things can get a little more  
complicated, but this is true for  
all "non-tricky" cases

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n C_i e^{\lambda_i t} v_i$$

this should look  
vaguely familiar to  
our discussion on  
diffusion

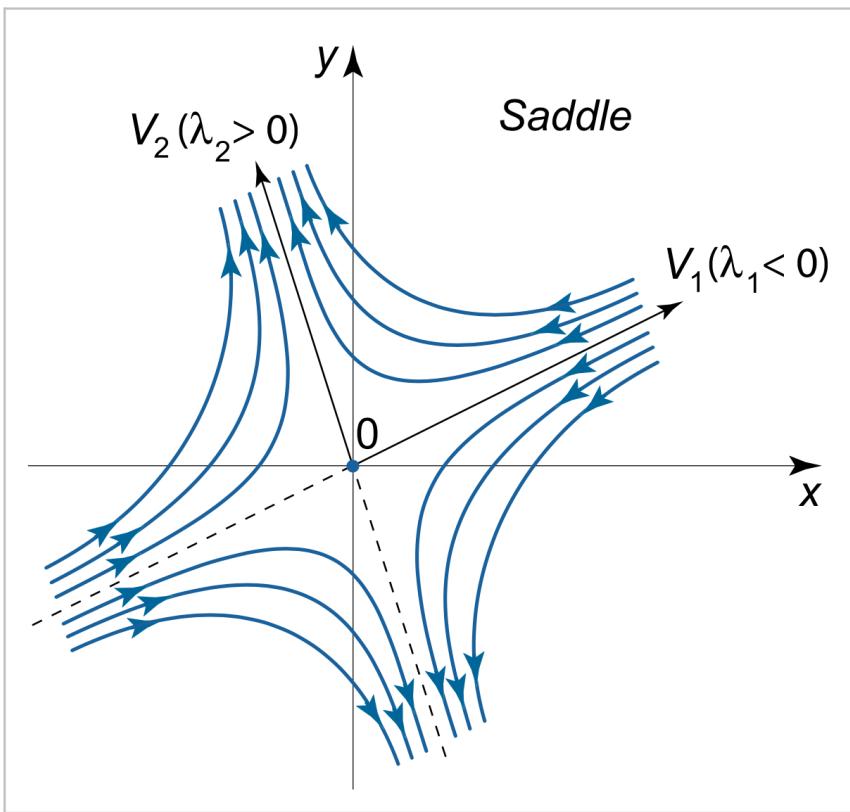
# Phase Portrait: SADDLE

$(\lambda_1 < 0, \lambda_2 > 0; \text{ both real})$



$$x(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2$$

How to plot a phase portrait



→ Linearly separating the trajectory into the part along  $v_1$  & the part along  $v_2$

→ A trajectory that starts on an eigenvector will stay on that eigenvector

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , only initial vectors along  $v_1$  go to  $(0)$ . All others go to  $\infty$ .

↳ the equilibrium is stable only along  $v_1$ .

Note  
 $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  in my borrowed figures

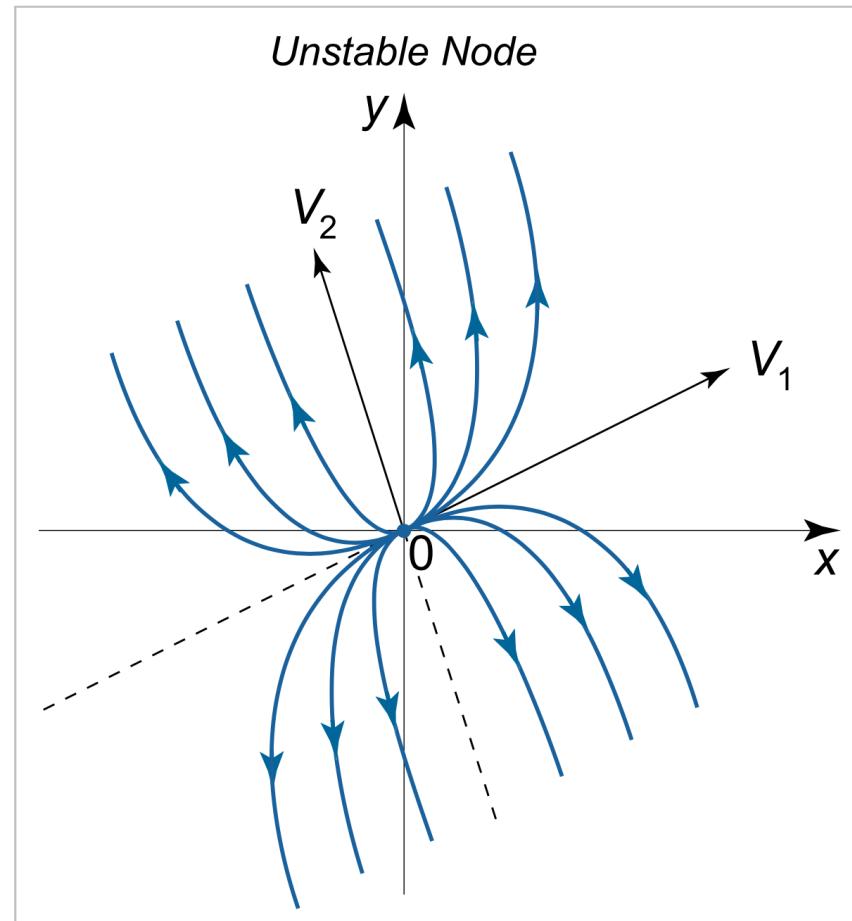
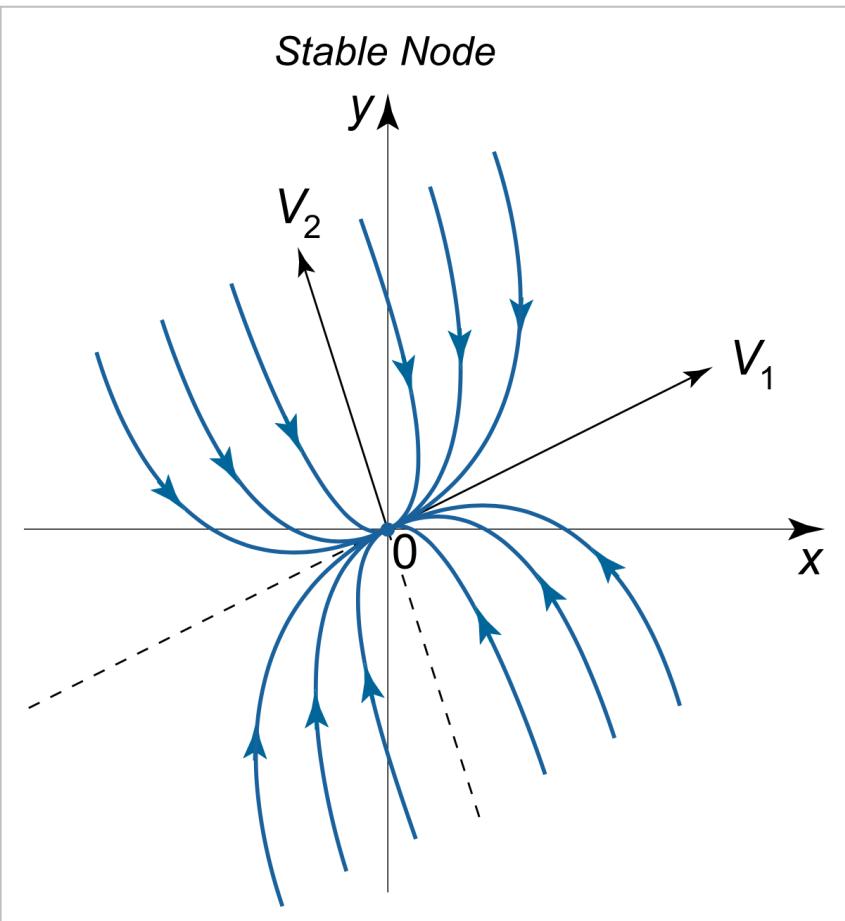
# Phase Portrait: **Node** ( $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , both real)



$$x(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  at  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ ,  $x(t) \rightarrow \infty$  at  $t \rightarrow \infty$

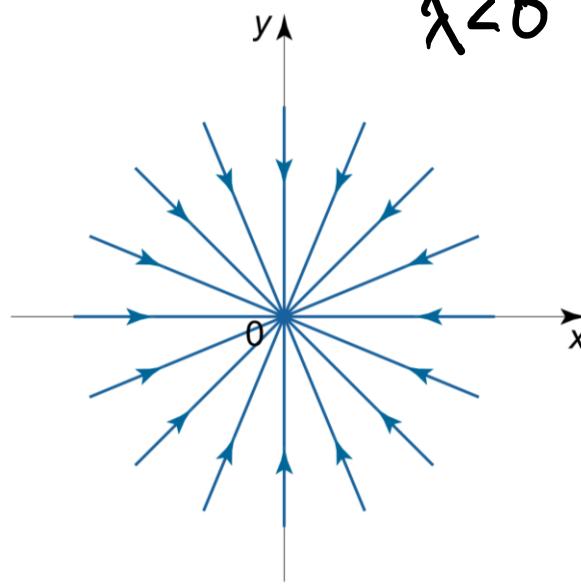


These diagram the case when  $|\lambda_2| > |\lambda_1|$  because of the slope of the trajectories



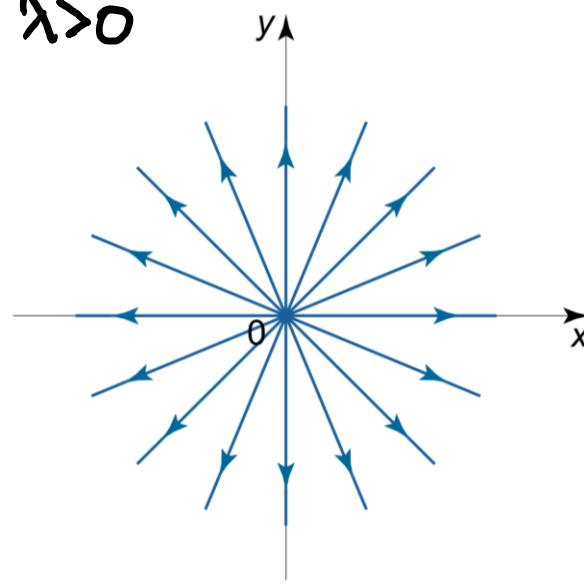
Stable Dicritical Node

$$\lambda < 0$$



Unstable Dicritical Node

$$\lambda > 0$$

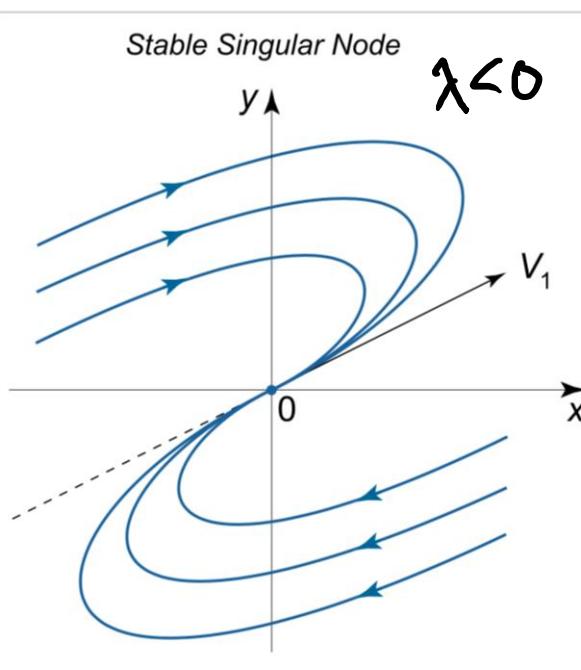


## Degenerate Node Phase Portraits

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \neq 0$$

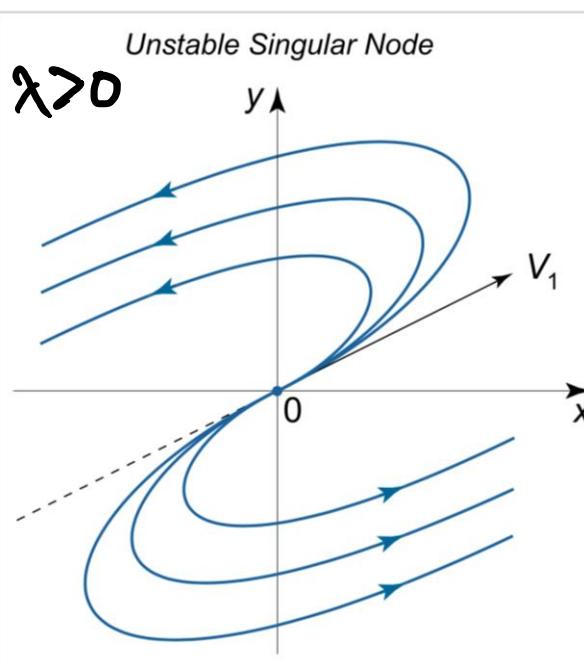
Stable Singular Node

$$\lambda < 0$$

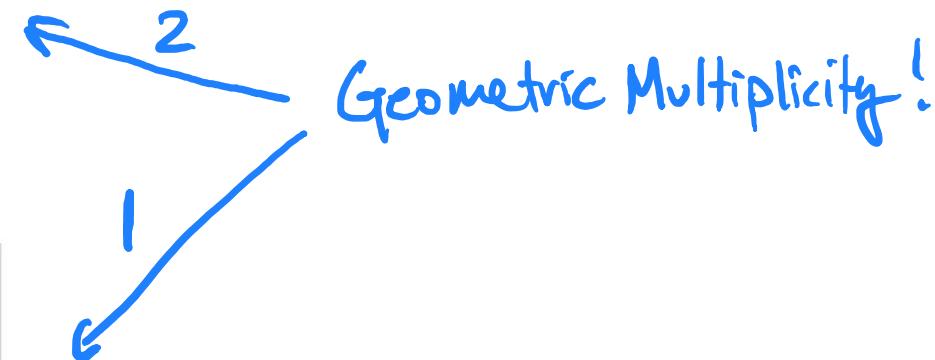


Unstable Singular Node

$$\lambda > 0$$



Two types of behavior - Why?





$$X(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 + \dots + C_n e^{\lambda_n t} v_n$$

Thm: When  $\{\lambda_i\}$  are distinct  $\Rightarrow \{v_i\}$  are linearly independent

↳ if  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$  ("repeated eigenvalue"), TWO CASES:

①  $\lambda_i$  has two linearly independent eigenvectors

# of repeats:  
algebraic multiplicity

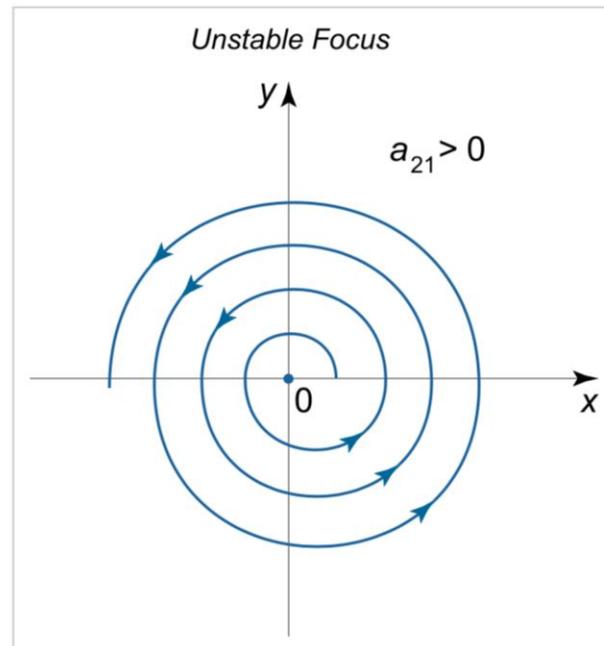
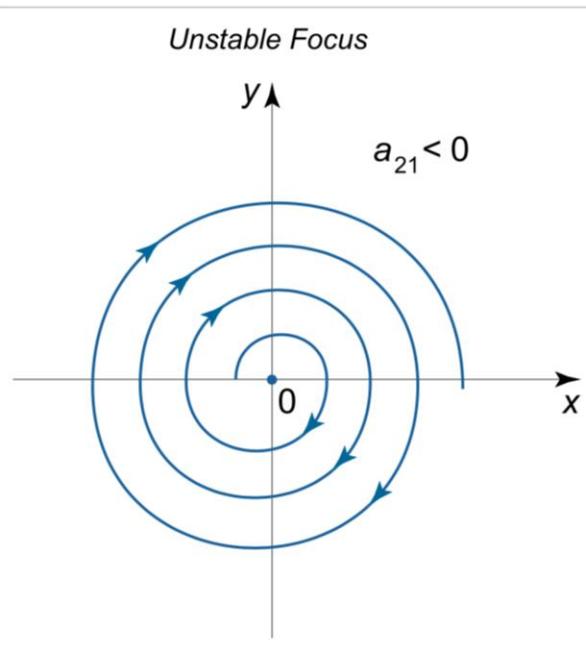
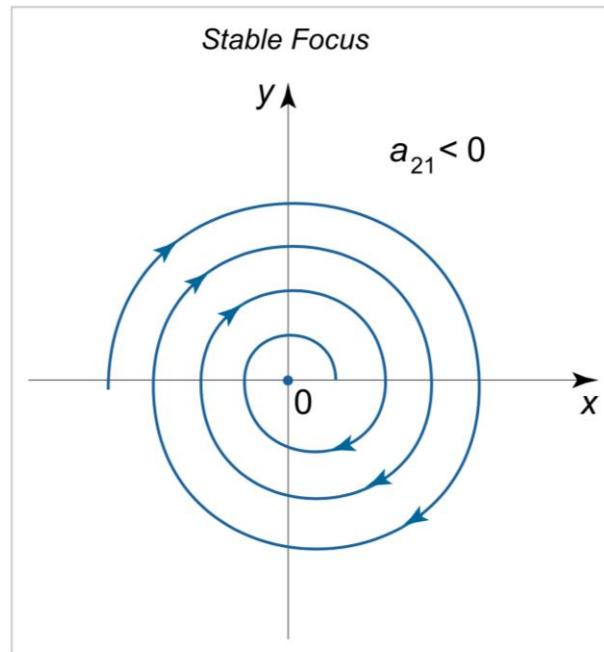
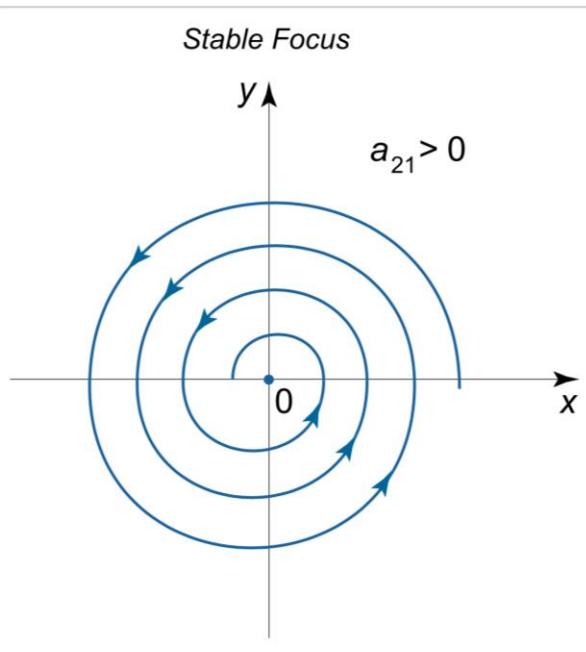
②  $\lambda_i$  has one linearly independent eigenvector

# of lin. indep. eigenvectors:  
geometric multiplicity

$\Rightarrow$  When geometric mult < algebraic mult., we "lose" one of the solutions + get  
solutions of the form:

$$C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_1 t} (t v_1 + v_2)$$

generalized eigenvector



## Phase Portrait: Spiral / Focus

→  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  complex conjugates  
 $\hookrightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$  *in general complex*

$$x(t) = C e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1$$

⋮

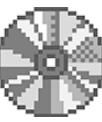
$$= e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t) (v_a + i v_b)$$

⇒ THM:  $\operatorname{Re}[x(t)] \neq \operatorname{Im}[x(t)]$  are independent solutions

→  $\alpha > 0 \Rightarrow \text{unstable}$

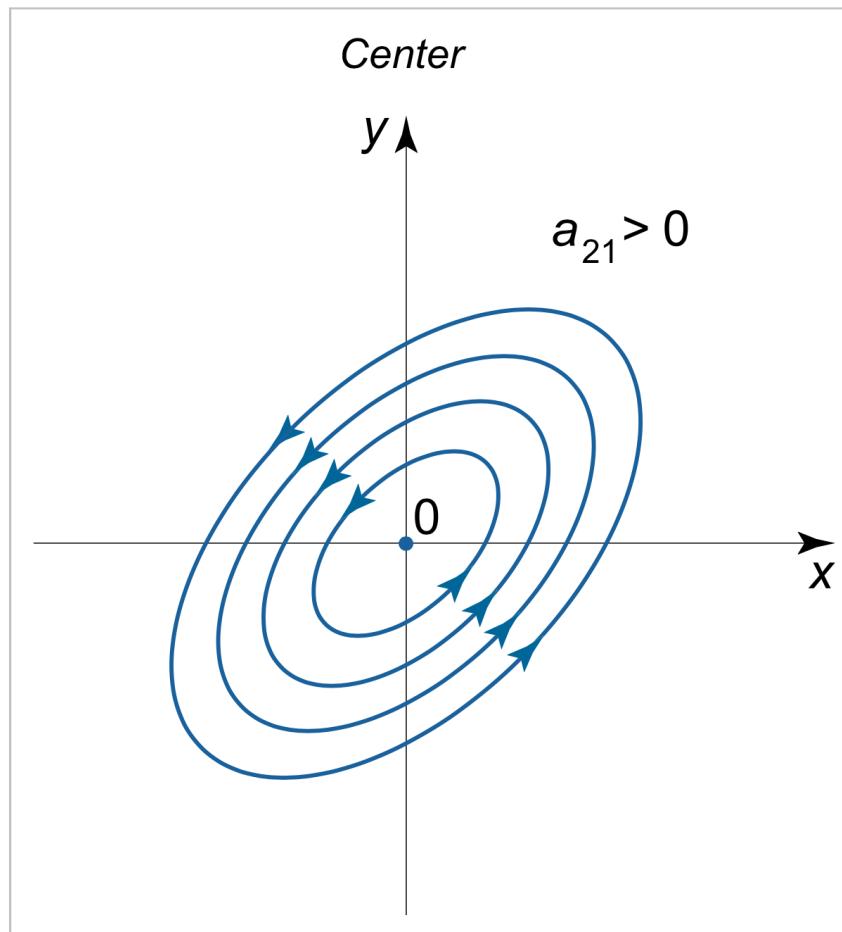
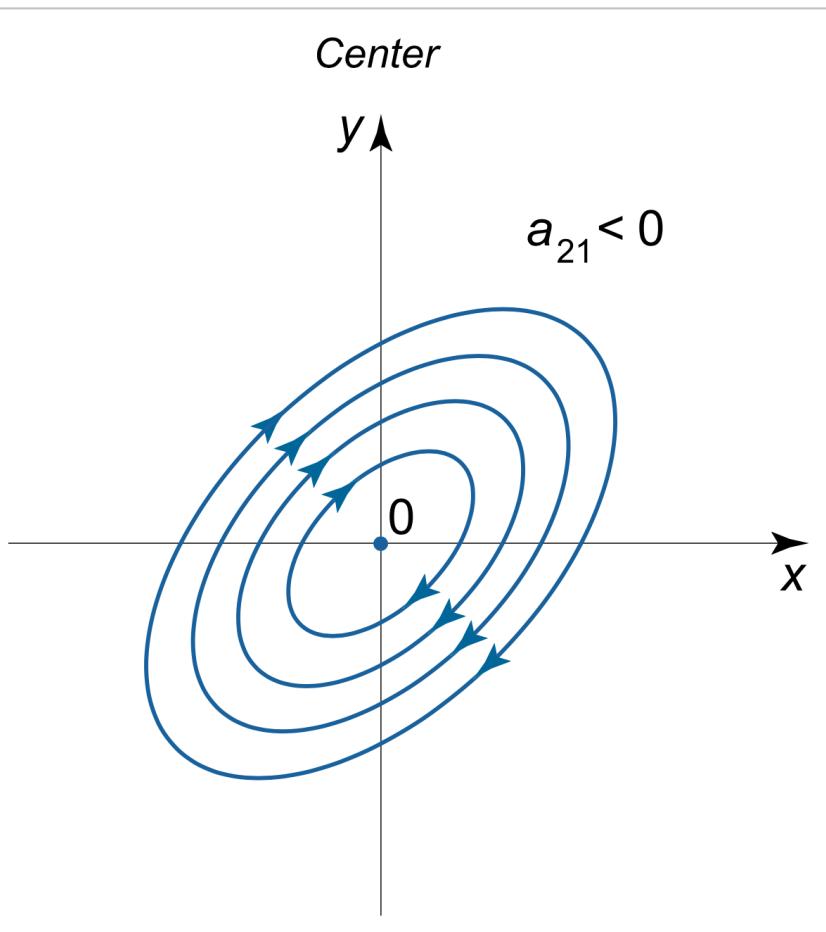
$\alpha < 0 \Rightarrow \text{stable}$

# Phase Portrait: Center (complex; $\alpha=0$ )



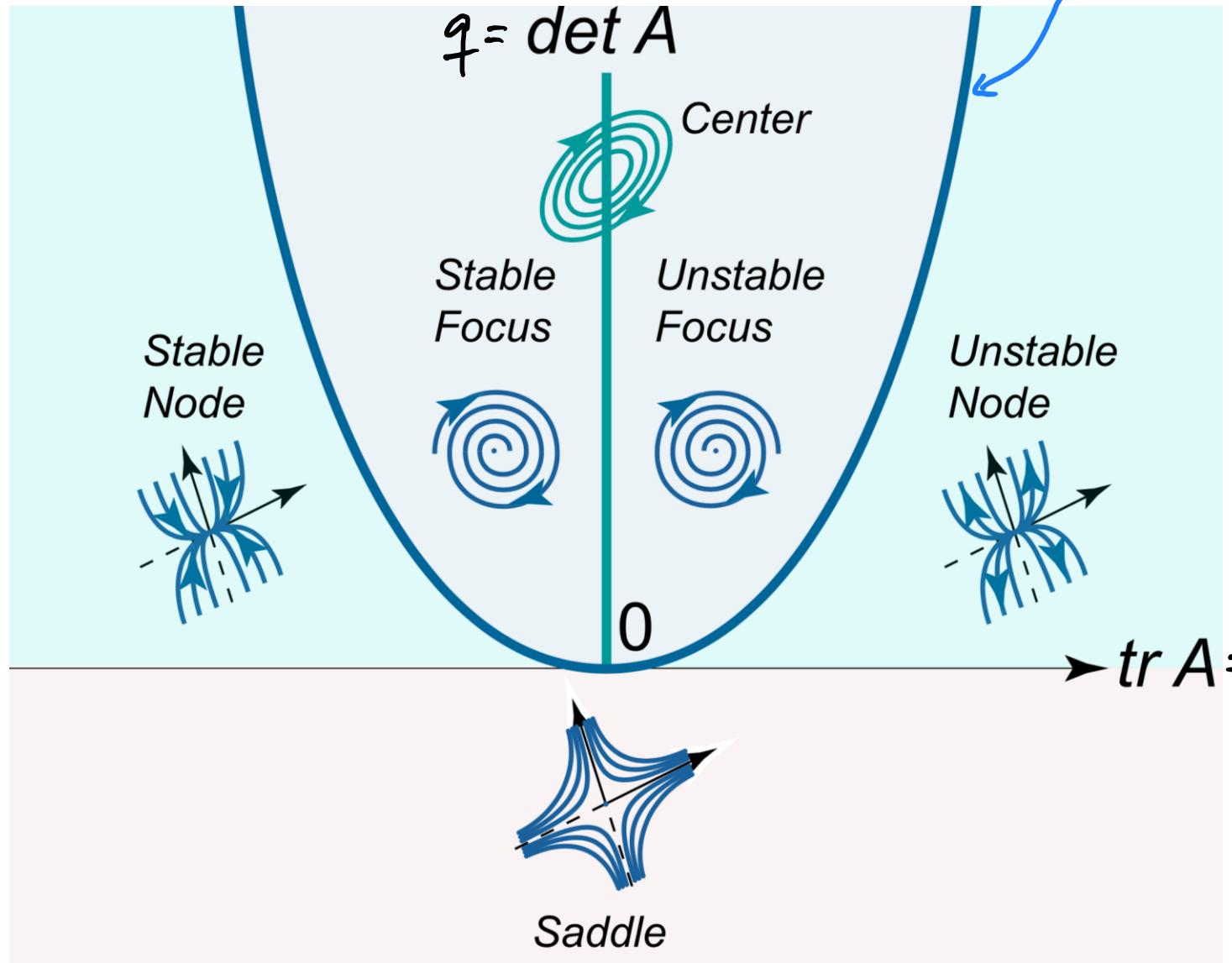
→ Special case of focus with marginal stability

$$x(t) = (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t) (V_a + i V_b)$$



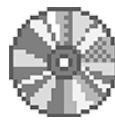
Because the origin is not the only invariant set (i.e., points  $x$  such that  $Ax$  does not leave the set),  
center equilibria are handled differently  
→ it is not a "hyperbolic equilibria"

# Phase Plane Portraits



$$p^2 = 4q$$

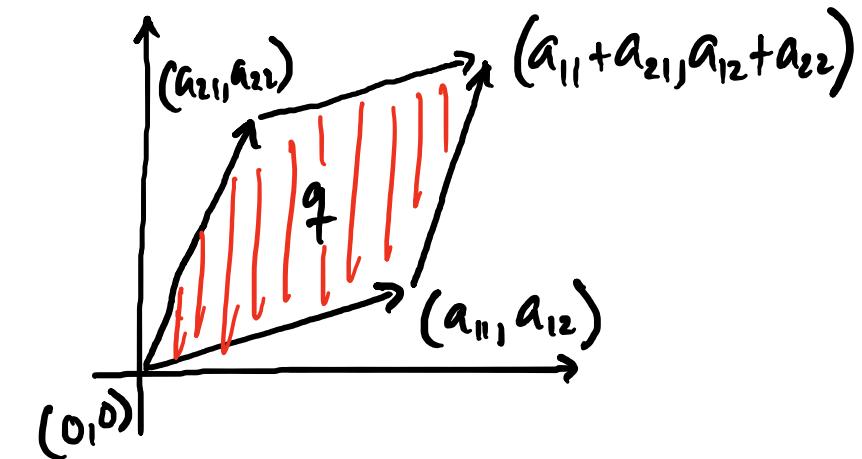
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}p \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{p^2 - 4q}$$



$$\text{tr } A = p = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \quad \text{SUM!}$$

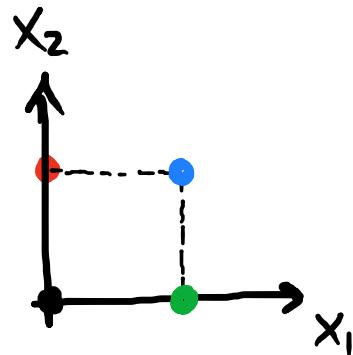
$$\det A = q = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \quad \text{PRODUCT!}$$

↑  
determinant = (signed) area

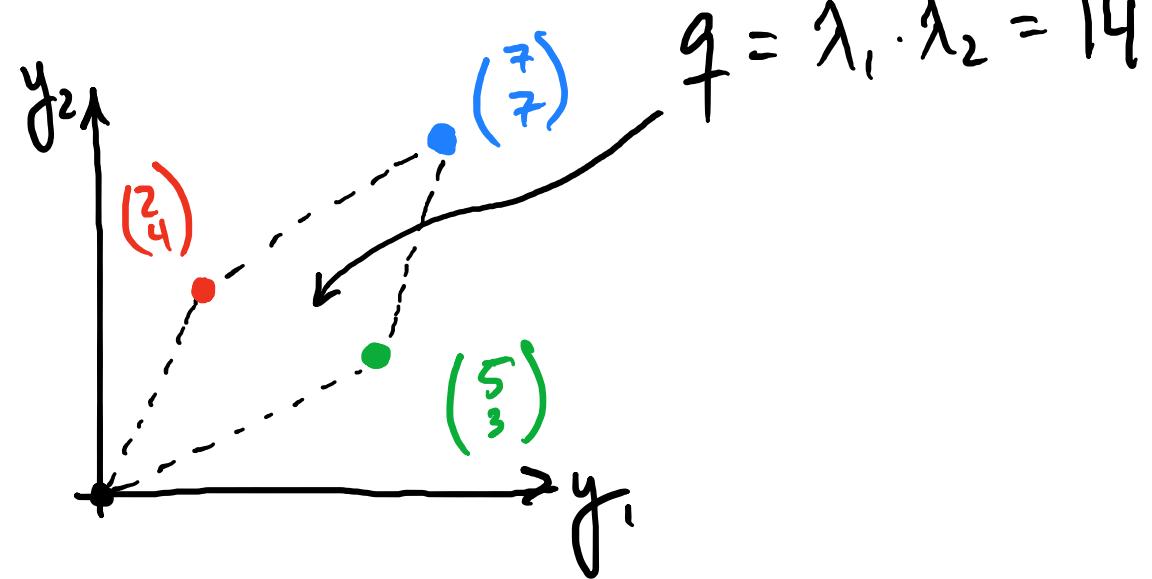


$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \underbrace{\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 7}_{\text{Amount of scaling}} ; \underbrace{v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Direction of scaling}}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = Ax$$



$$y = Ax$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{2 \cdot 0}_{\lambda_1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{7 \cdot 1}_{\lambda_2} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{2}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + 7 \cdot \frac{2}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$