

Learning math:

\* techniques

\* applications

\* intuition

\* validation (proof)

This course <sup>2nd order</sup>  
 $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = f(x)$

\* series solutions — linear,  
non-constant coefficient DEs.

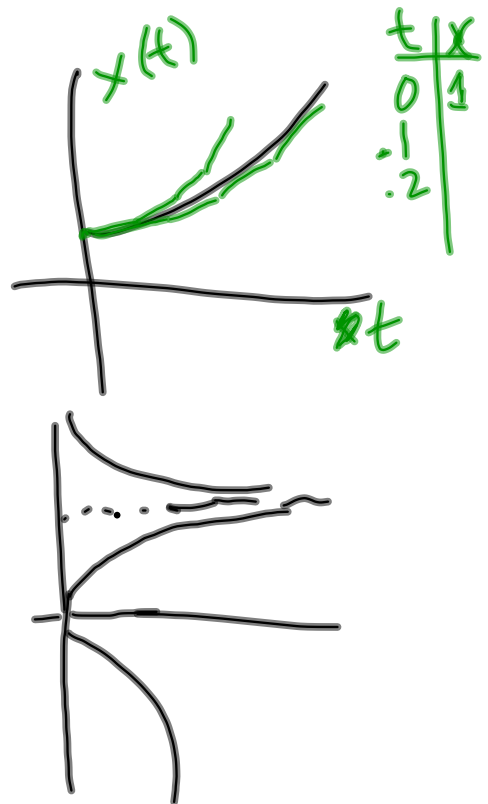
Bessel functions

\* Laplace transforms — linear,  
constant coefficient, discontinuous  
or impulse forcing

\* systems — multiple related variables,  
higher order ODEs

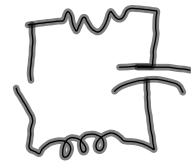
# Studying DEs - methods

- \* analytical
- \* numerical
- \* qualitative



$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x} \quad \vec{x} = \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$



$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_2' &= 3x_1 + 4x_2 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{sol } \vec{x} = \text{[cloud shape]} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \text{[cloud shape]} \\ x_2 &= \text{[cloud shape]} \end{aligned}$$

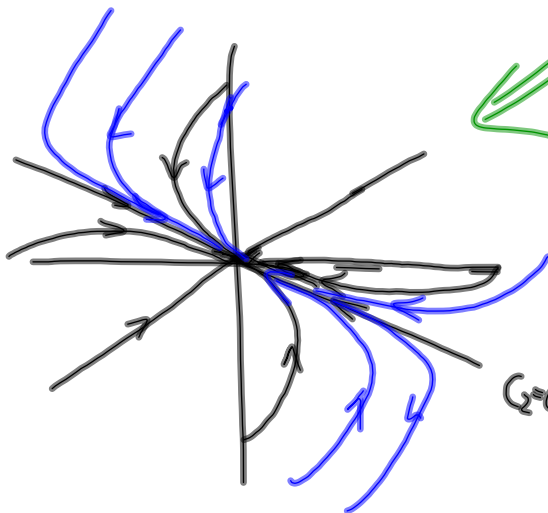
Phase plane:

t	x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>
0	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮

plot



With enough trajectories, this is a phase plot/portrait.



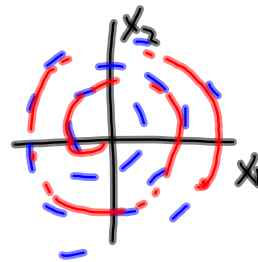
$$x_1 = c_1 2e^{-3t} + c_2 2e^{-t}$$

$$x_2 = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-t}$$

$$c_2 = 0: \vec{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t}$$

$$\vec{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{X}$$

Direction field



Creating direction field

At (2,1):

$$\vec{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_1}$$

$$\left. \frac{dx_1}{dt} \right|_{(2,1)} = 4, \quad \left. \frac{dx_2}{dt} \right|_{(2,1)} = 10$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dx_1} = \frac{dx_2/dt}{dx_1/dt} = \frac{10}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$$

