

MATH 23 WORKSHEET : Summarizing stability of lin. sys.

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Imagine the eigenvalues of  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  are  $r_1, r_2$ .  
 $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

Complete the table:

case	type of critical pt.	Sketch phase plane	AS?	Stable?(S)
$0 < r_1 < r_2$ (real eivals)	nodal source		X	X
$r_1 < r_2 < 0$				
$r_1 < 0 < r_2$				
$r_{1,2} = \lambda \pm i\mu, \lambda > 0$				
$\lambda < 0$				
$\lambda = 0$				
$r_1 = r_2 > 0$	proper node or improper node (if not both eigens present)			
$< 0$				

↑  
sketch  
the improper case.

Summary : if the maximum  part of  $r_{1,2}$  is  then : S & AS.  
 (fill in the blanks!) or is  then : S but not AS.

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SOLUTIONS

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$2 \times 2$  matrix.

Complete the table:

\* Note AS  $\Rightarrow$  S but not other way round

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$0 < r_1 < r_2$ (real eigvals)	nodal source		X	X
$r_1 < r_2 < 0$	nodal sink		✓	✓
$r_1 < 0 < r_2$	saddle pt.		X	X
$r_{1,2} = \lambda \pm i\mu, \lambda > 0$ 	spiral source		X	X
$\lambda < 0$ 	spiral sink		✓	✓
$\lambda = 0$ 	center		X	✓
$r_1 = r_2 > 0$	proper node or improper node		X	X
$< 0$	(if not both eigenvs present)		✓	✓

In every disc about origin there are points which go off to  $\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

since don't tend to origin.

since stay within an  $\epsilon$  disc

sketch the improper case.

Summary :  
fill in the blanks!

if the maximum real part of  $r_{1,2}$  is  $\begin{cases} > 0 \\ = 0 \end{cases}$  then : S & AS.  
so S given by  $\max \text{Re } r \leq 0$  or is  $\begin{cases} > 0 \\ = 0 \end{cases}$  then : S but not AS.