

4. [12 points] Consider the system of differential equations given by  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a real-valued  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

a. [6 points] Suppose that the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\lambda = -1 \pm i$ , with  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \pm i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\mathbf{x}$  solves  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , sketch the trajectory for  $\mathbf{x}$  in the phase plane.

b. [6 points] Suppose that eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$  are  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ , with  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , which of the following is most correct, and why? (i)  $x_2 \approx 2x_1$ ; (ii)  $x_2 \approx -\frac{1}{2}x_1$ ; (iii)  $x_2 \approx -\frac{1}{2}x_1 - 1$ ; (iv)  $x_2 \approx -\frac{1}{2}x_1 - k$ , with  $k > 1$ .