

7.1.7 |  $x_1' = -2x_1 + x_2$  (1)

$x_2' = x_1 - 2x_2$  (2)

(1)  $\implies x_2 = x_1' + 2x_1$  (3)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

(2), (3)  $\implies \underbrace{(x_1' + 2x_1)'}_{x_2'} = x_1 - 2 \underbrace{(x_1' + 2x_1)}_{x_2}$

$x_1'' + 2x_1' = -2x_1' - 3x_1$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$x_1'' + 4x_1' + 3x_1 = 0$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$r^2 + 4r + 3 = 0 \implies r = -1, -3$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Thus  $x_1 = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-3t}$  (4)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

(3), (4)  $\implies x_2 = -C_1 e^{-t} - 3C_2 e^{-3t} + 2C_1 e^{-t} + 2C_2 e^{-3t}$   
 $= C_1 e^{-t} - C_2 e^{-3t}$  (5)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Given  $x_1(0) = 2, x_2(0) = 3$ :

$C_1 + C_2 = 2$   
 $C_1 - C_2 = 3$   $\left. \right\} \rightarrow$

$C_1 = \frac{5}{2}$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$   
 $C_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

Thus  $x_1 = \frac{5}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t}$

$x_1'(t) = \frac{e^{-t}}{2} (3e^{-2t} - 5) < 0$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{-t}}{2} (5 - e^{-2t})$

$x_2'(t) = \frac{e^{-t}}{2} (3e^{-2t} + 5) < 0$   $x_2 = \frac{5}{2} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t}$

for  $t \geq 0$ .

Note that  $5 - e^{-2t} \approx 5$  for large  $t$ .

$\therefore x_1 \approx \frac{5}{2} e^{-t} \approx x_2$  for large  $t$ .

$x_1$  and  $x_2$  are decreasing

Note that

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$

