

[7.2: Coupled First-Order Equations - Mathematics LibreTexts](#)

$$\dot{x}_1 = ax_1 + bx_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = cx_1 + dx_2$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \vec{v}e^{\lambda t}$$

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$$\lambda \vec{v}e^{\lambda t} = A\vec{v}e^{\lambda t}$$

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{vmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{(a - \lambda)(d - \lambda)} \begin{vmatrix} d - \lambda & -b \\ -c & a - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} d - \lambda & -b \\ -c & a - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (d - \lambda)(a - \lambda) - bc = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - a\lambda - d\lambda + ad - bc = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{a + d \pm \sqrt{(a + d)^2 + 4(ad - bc)}}{2}$$

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a $x'_1(t) = a x_1(t) + b x_2(t), x'_2(t) = c x_1(t) + d x_2(t)$

b $\text{discriminant} = \sqrt{(a + d)^2 + 4(ad - bc)}$

c $\text{eigenvalue1} = (a + d - \text{discriminant}) / 2$

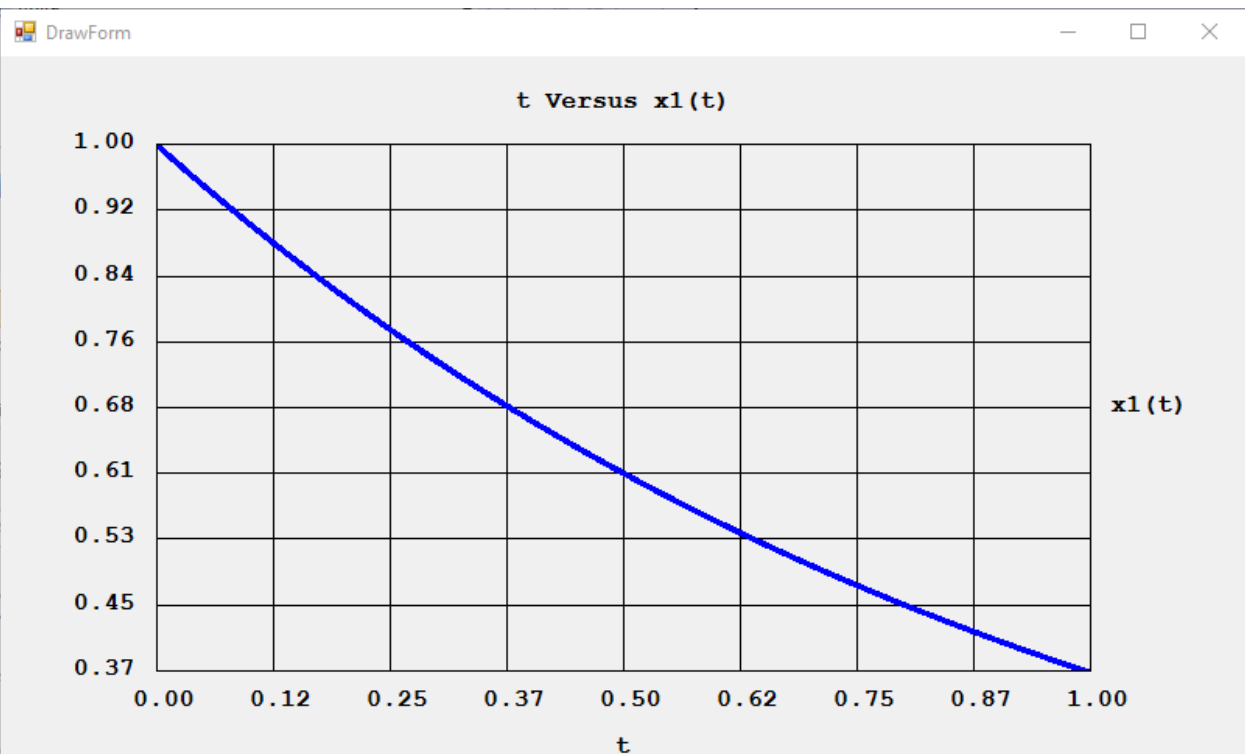
d $\text{eigenvalue2} = (a + d + \text{discriminant}) / 2$

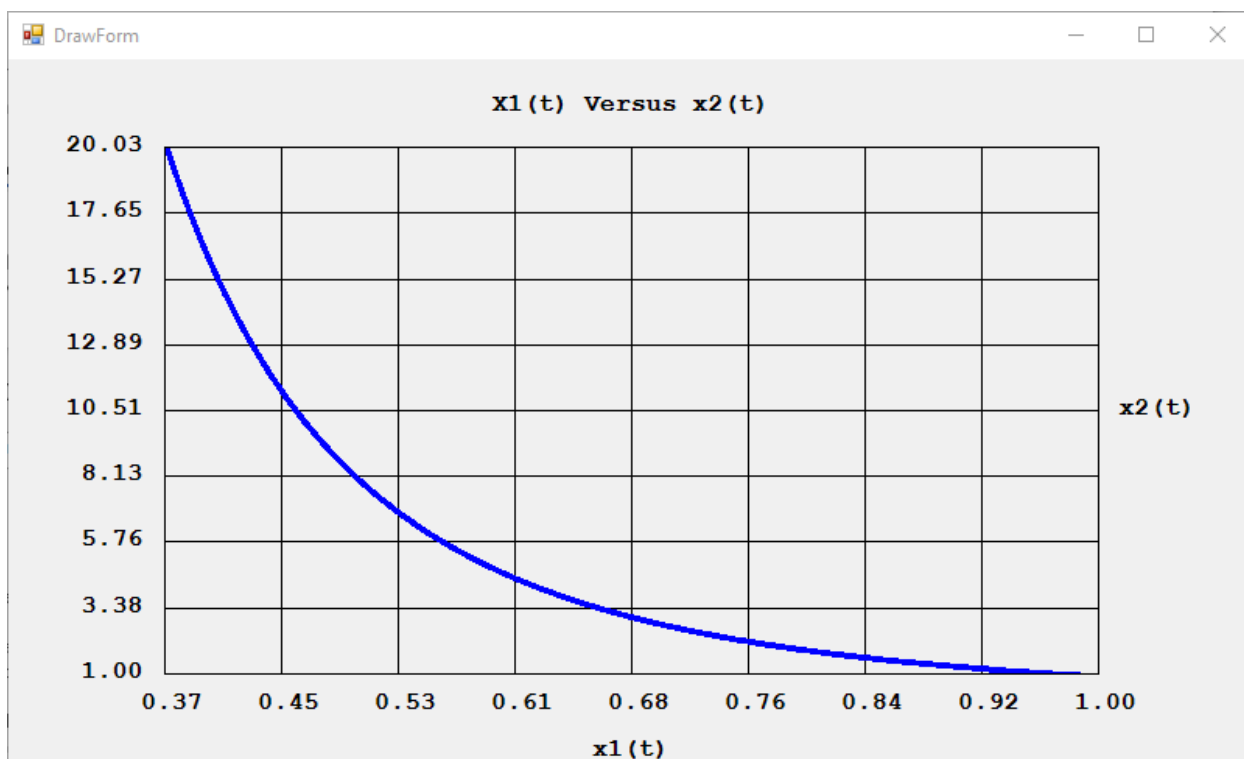
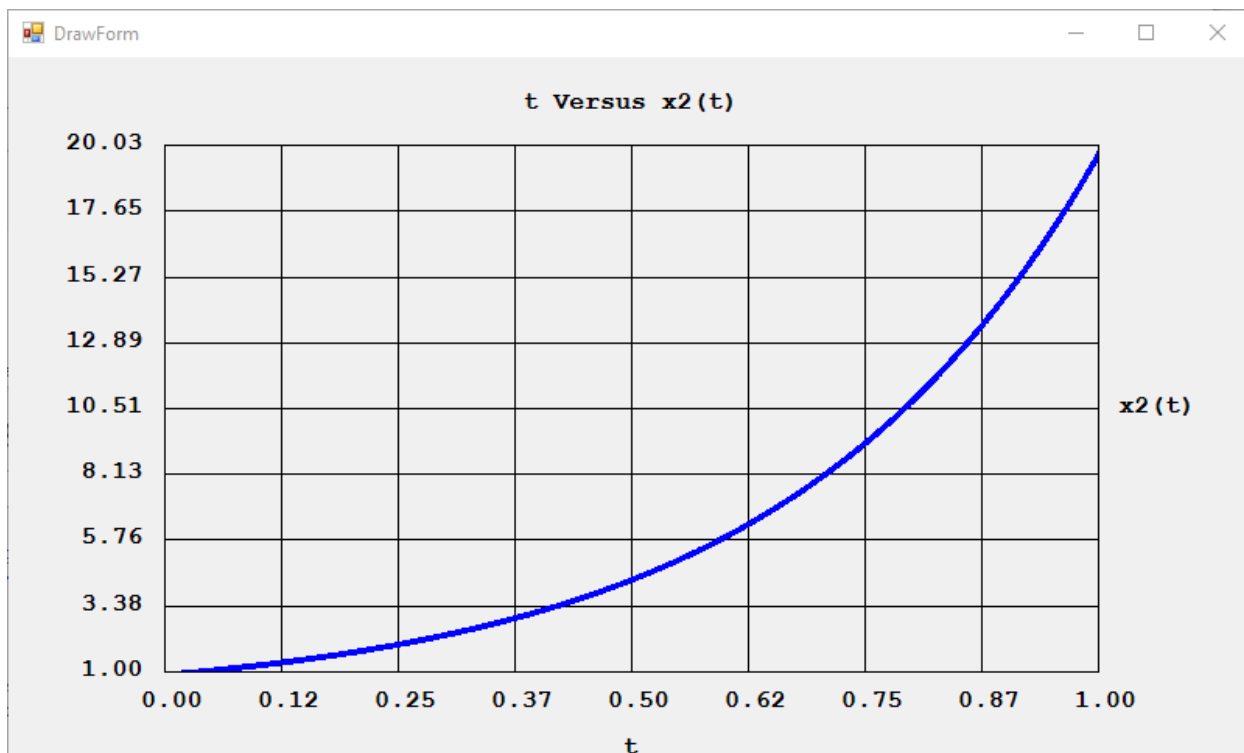
t0

t1

Information

 Real Eigenvalues:
-1
3





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t0

t1

