## 7.6 Systems of Equations with Complex Eigenvalues

The direction field and solution curve for the system of equations  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}; \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , is



The solution using Mathematica is:

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sol = DSolve[{x1'[t] == x1[t] - 5 x2[t], x2'[t] == 2 x1[t] + 3 x2[t], x1[0] == 1, x2[0] == 1},
{x1[t], x2[t]}, t] // Flatten
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$$\left\{ x1[t] \rightarrow e^{2t} (Cos[3t] - 2Sin[3t]), x2[t] \rightarrow e^{2t} (Cos[3t] + Sin[3t]) \right\}$$



Example 1

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the example above.

**Example 1 cont.** Solve the initial value problem above.

**Example 2** Solve the initial value problem 
$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}; \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$
.  
**Example 3** Plot the solution and a phase portrait for  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -10 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}; \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$