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The Lie algebra of (\mathfrak{u}) is defined as:

$$\mathfrak{u}(n) = \{X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} | e^{tX} \in U(n) \forall t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

This is satisfied by the skew-Hermitian matrices where $M = -M^*$. Note that this means the diagonals are all 0 or pure imaginary.