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The Lie algebra of (n) is defined as:

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

This is satisfied by the skew-symmetric matrices where $M = -M^T$. Note that this means the diagonals are all 0.