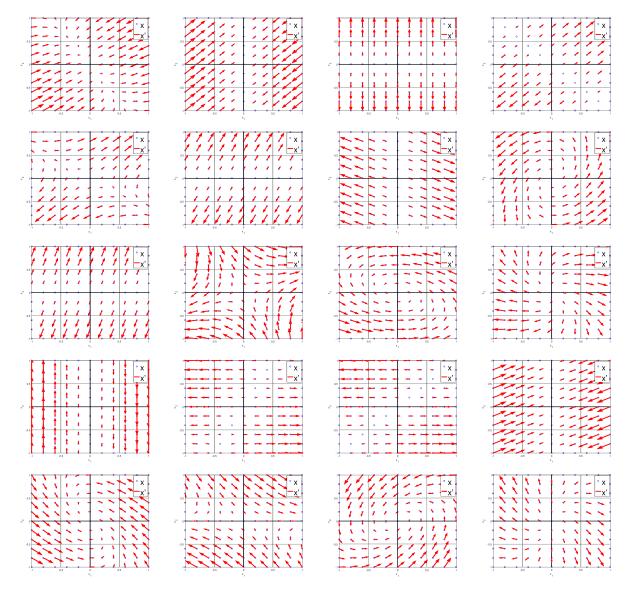
## Introduction

Consider the differential equation  $\dot{x}(t) = A x(t)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with a constant  $2 \times 2$  matrix A. For each point  $x = (x_1, x_2)^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , the vector A x shows the direction of evolution starting from that point.

## **Problems**

Given the vector field  $x \mapsto A x$ , suggest a plausible matrix A.



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