

Introduction

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

Problems

Given the vectorfield $x \mapsto Ax$, suggest a plausible matrix A .

