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3. Normal vectors to lines

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Find a unit vector normal to the line $x + 2y = 2$.

(Enter the vector in the form . That is surround your vector by square brackets, and separate entries by a comma. Note that the entries of your vector must be numbers.)

✓ **Answer:** [1/sqrt(5),2/sqrt(5)]

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Solution:

We saw in lecture that a vector perpendicular to the line $x + 2y = 2$ is given by $\langle 1, 2 \rangle$. Normalizing this (dividing by its length) gives the unit normal vector

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right\rangle.$$

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