

2D Homogeneous Linear Systems with Constant Coefficients — perturbed systems

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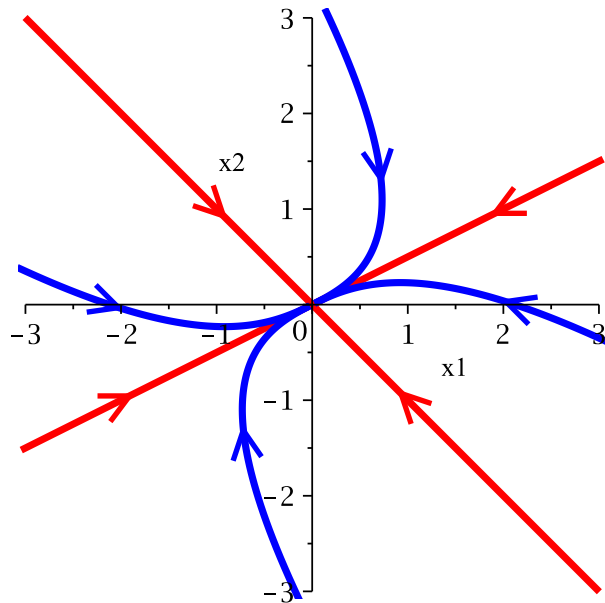
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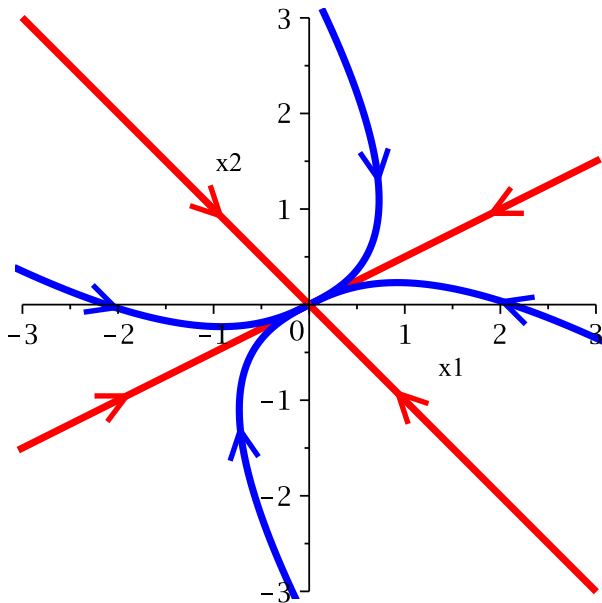
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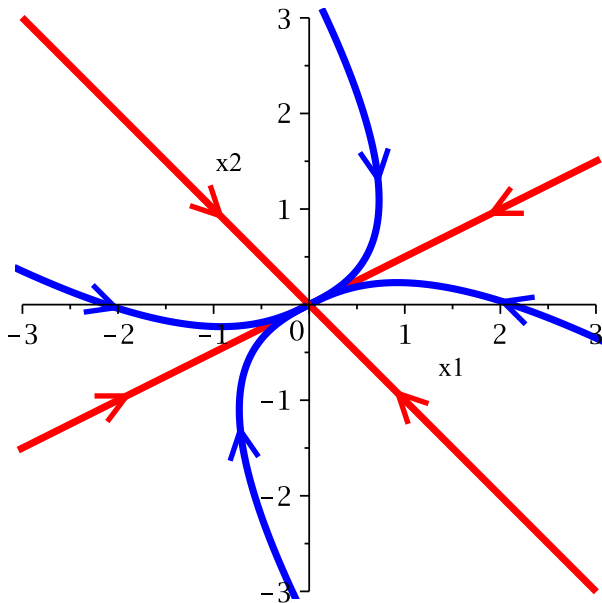
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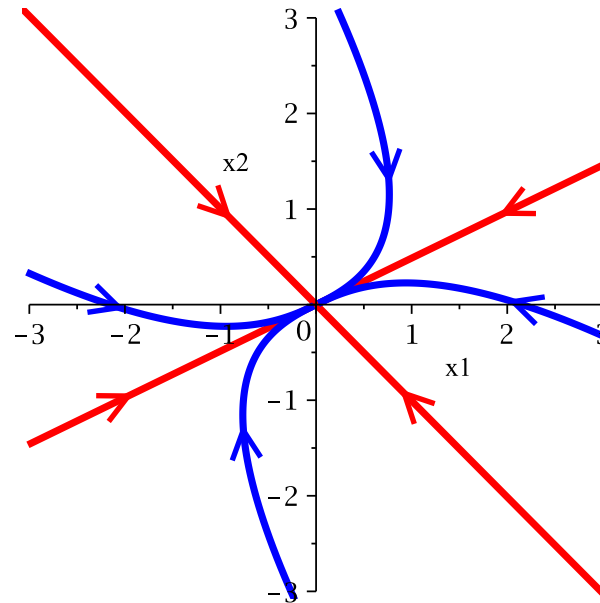
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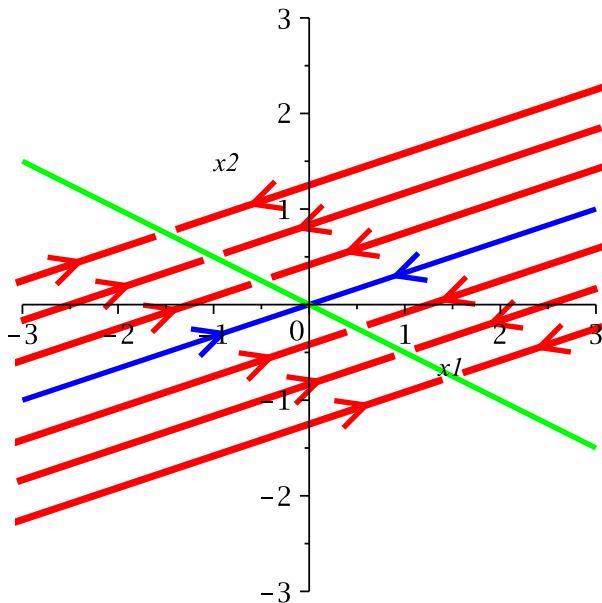
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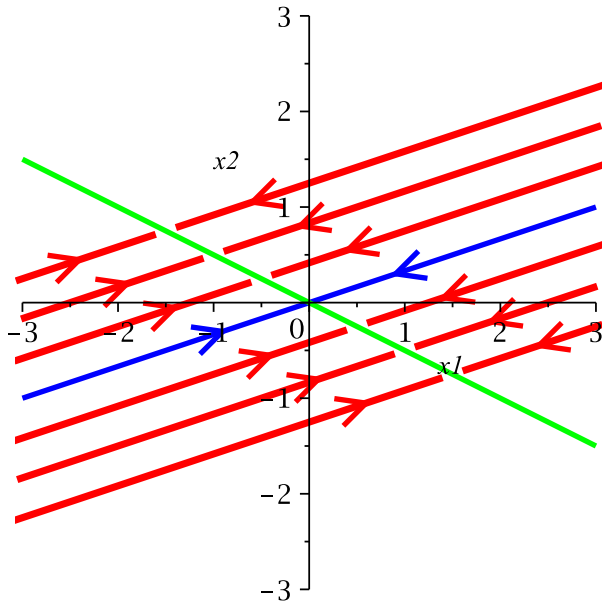
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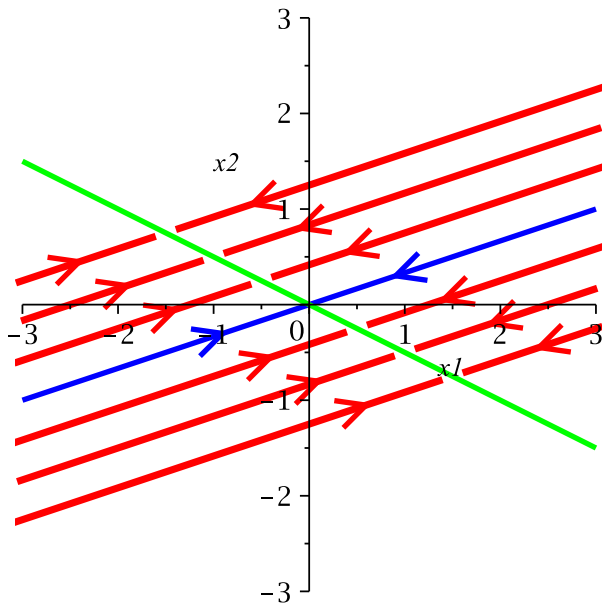
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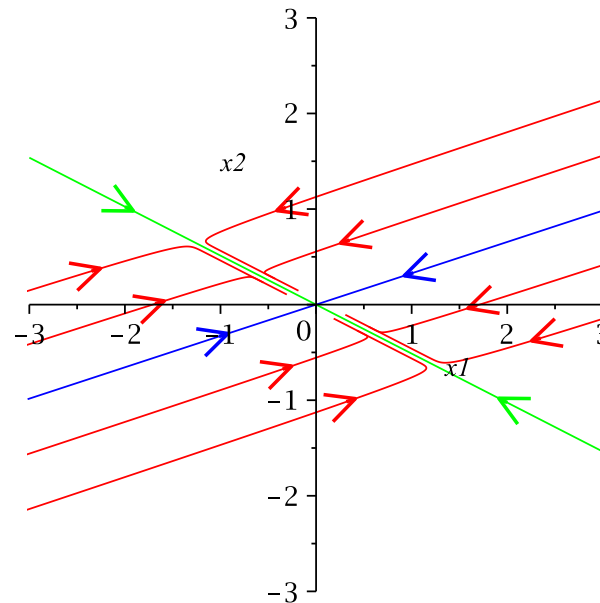
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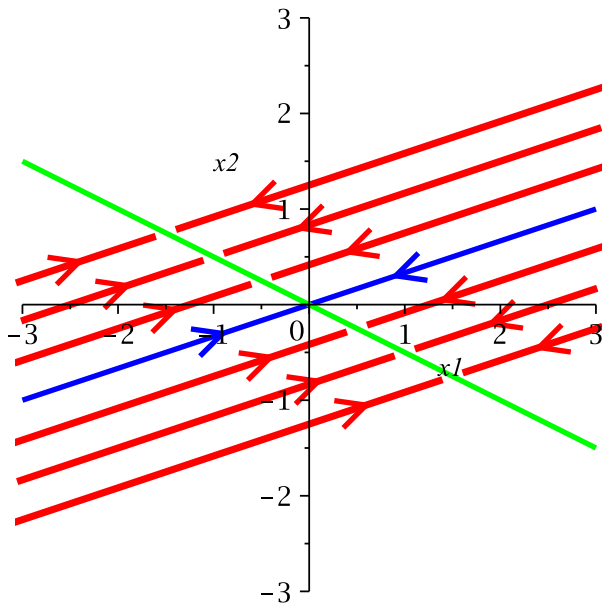
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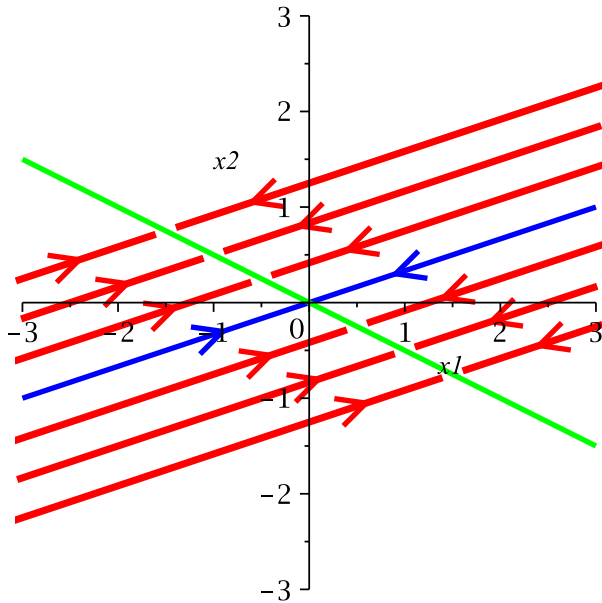
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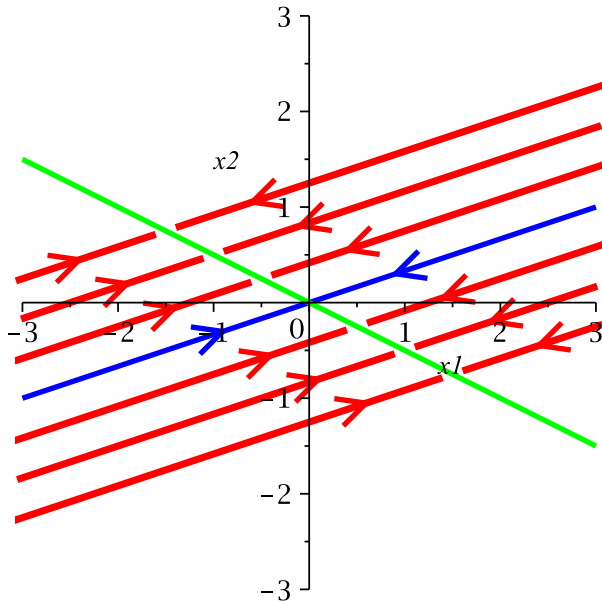
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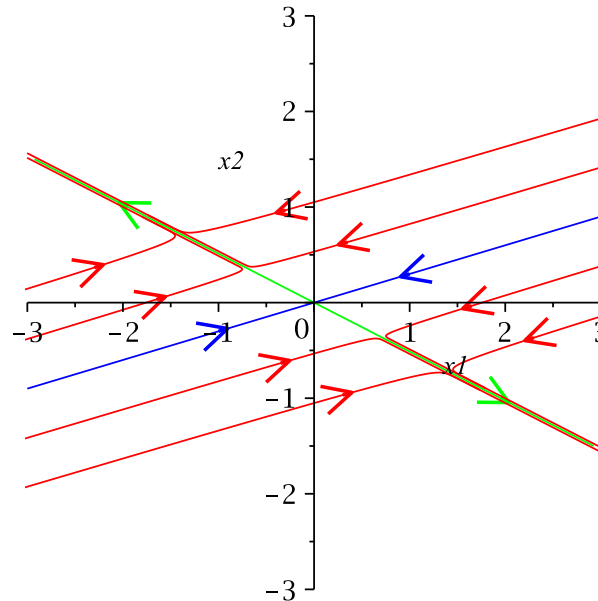
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**Another Perturbed Linear Dynamics:
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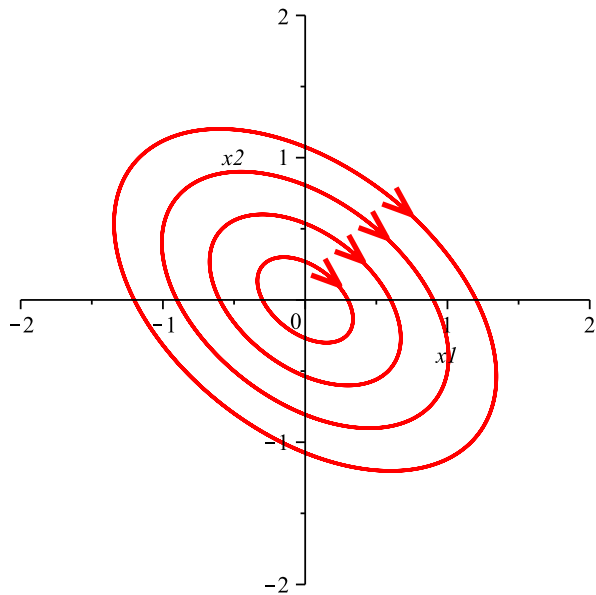
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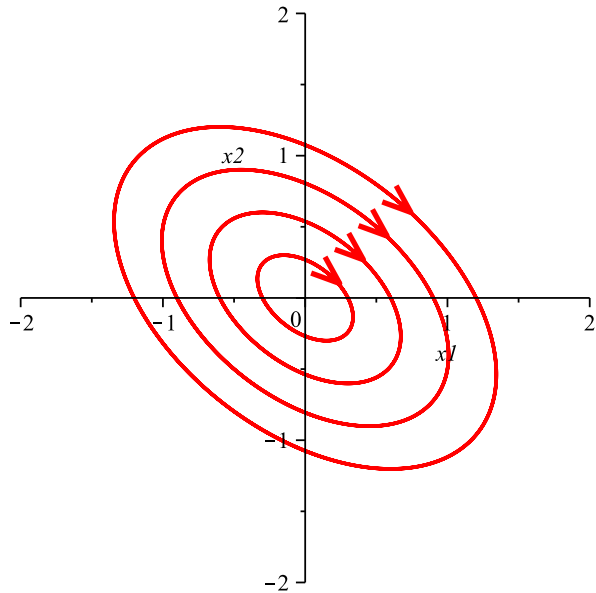
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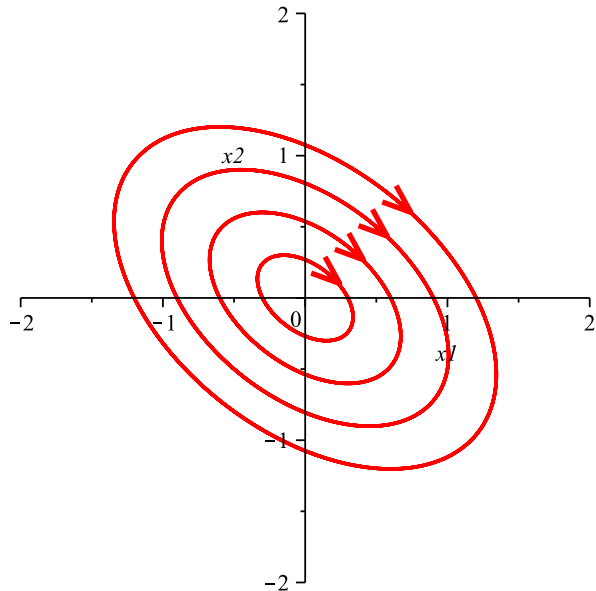
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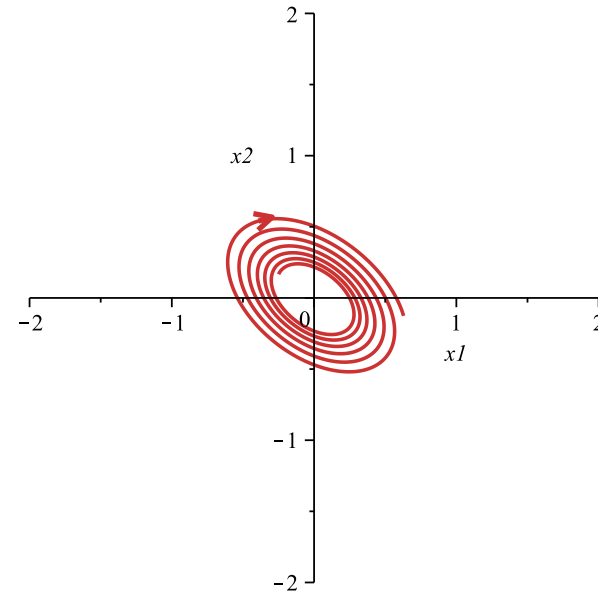


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**Perturbed Linear Dynamics:
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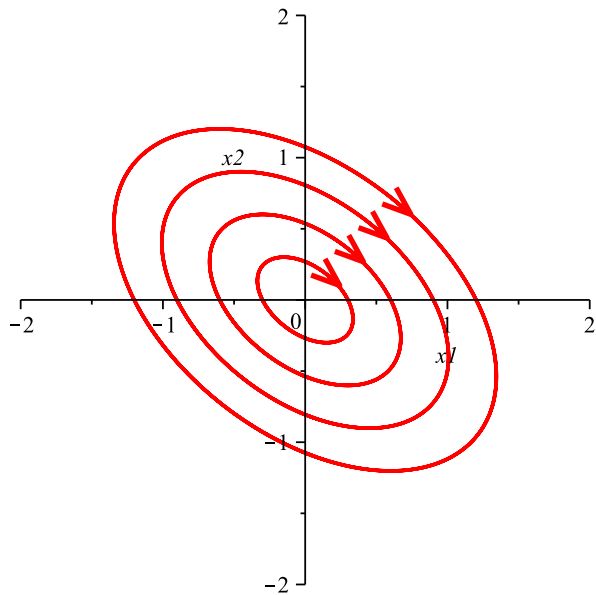
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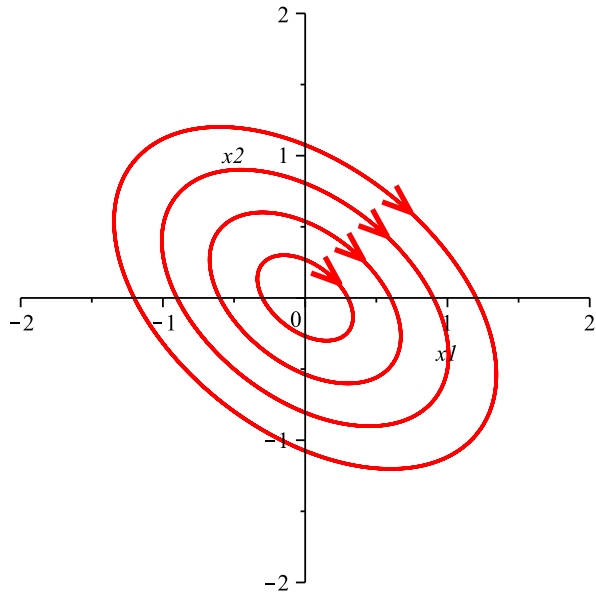
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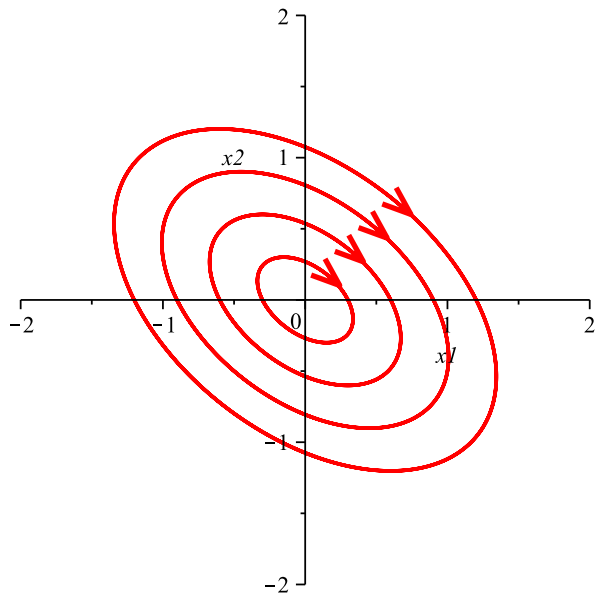
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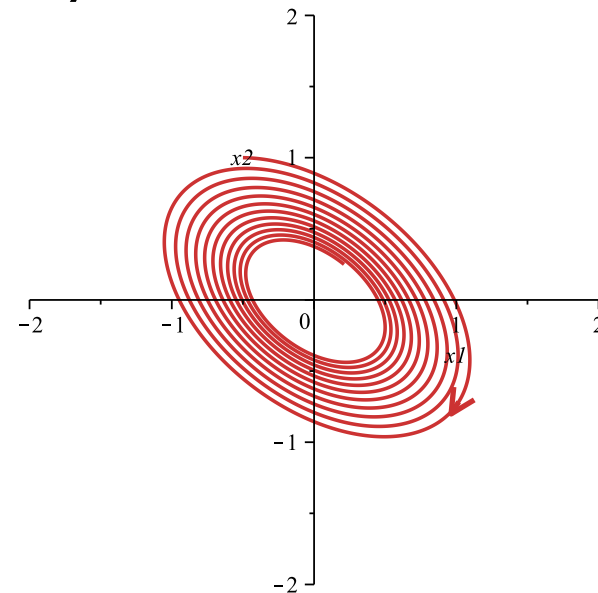


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**Another Perturbed Linear
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The Morals of the Story:

“Neutral” eigenvalues ($\lambda = 0$ or $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$) are the sources of **structural instability**.

If the system has neutral eigenvalues, a tiny change in the diff eqs may alter the phase portrait completely.

Other “non-neutral” eigenvalues give **structural stable** dynamics.

If the system has no neutral eigenvalues, small changes in diff eqs will not change the dynamics radically & will only give an equivalent phase portrait.

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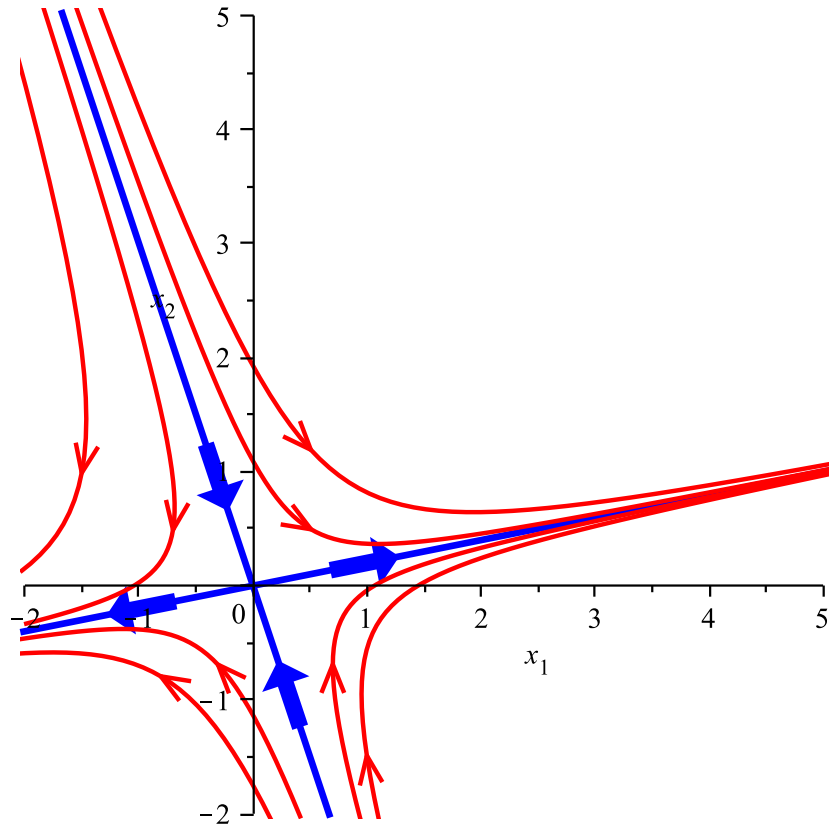
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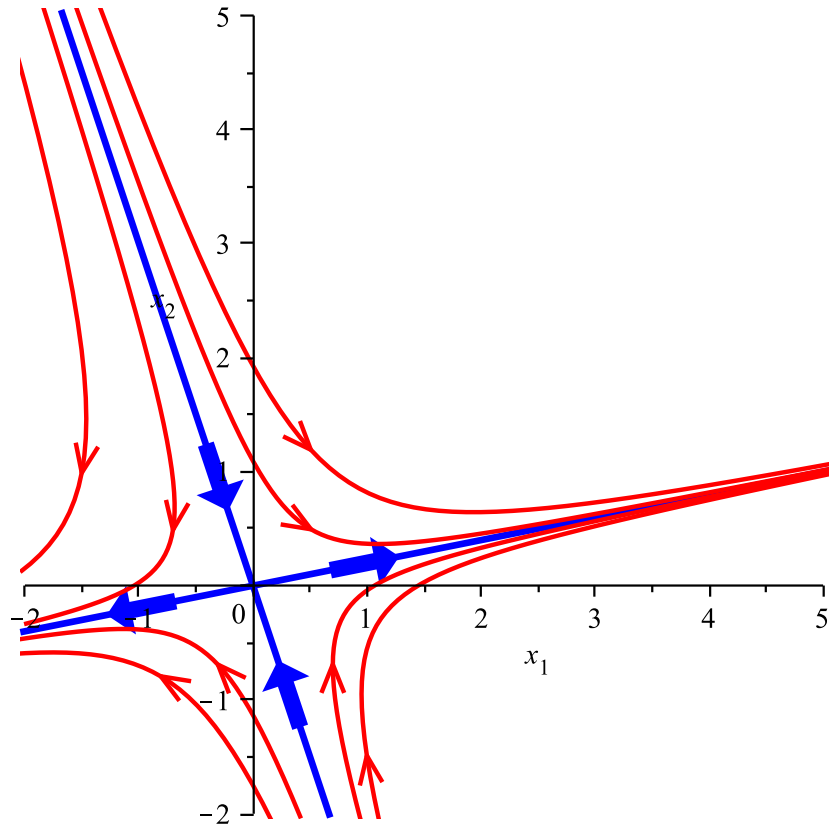


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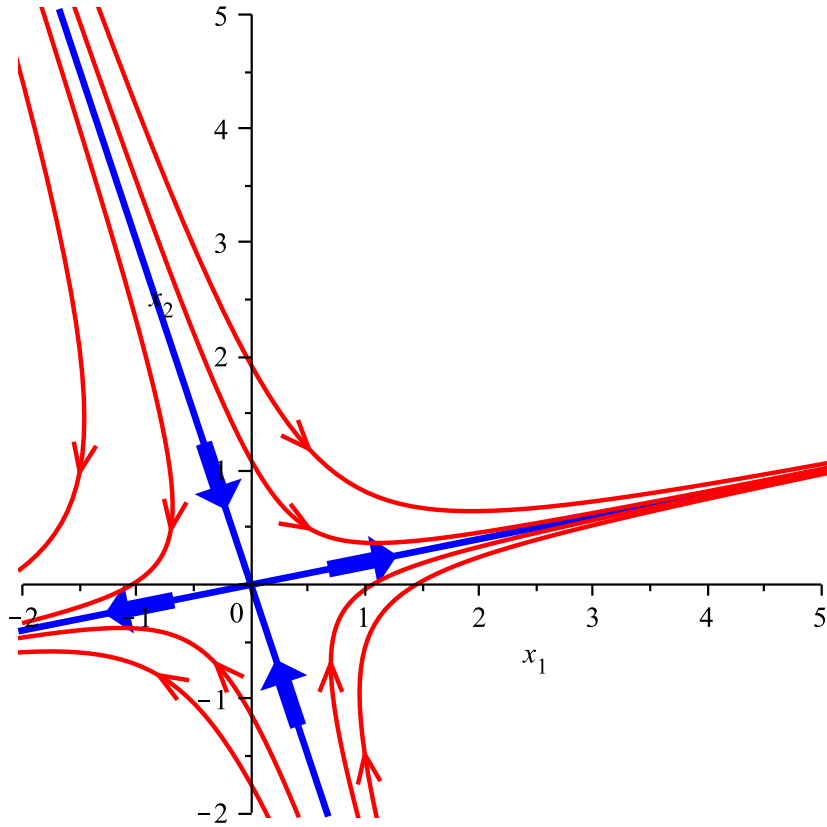
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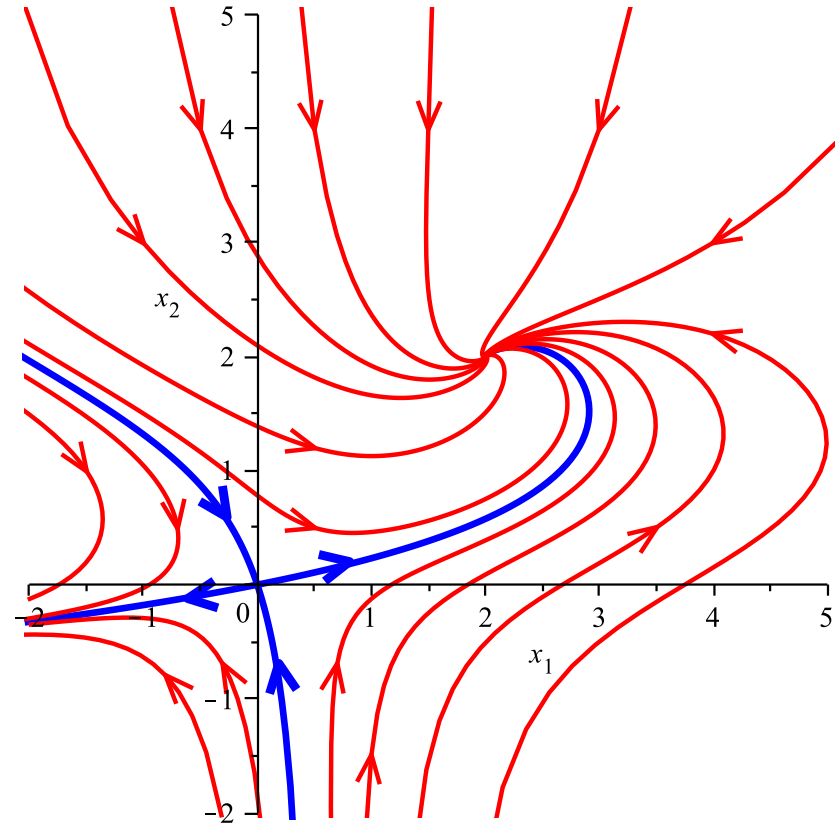
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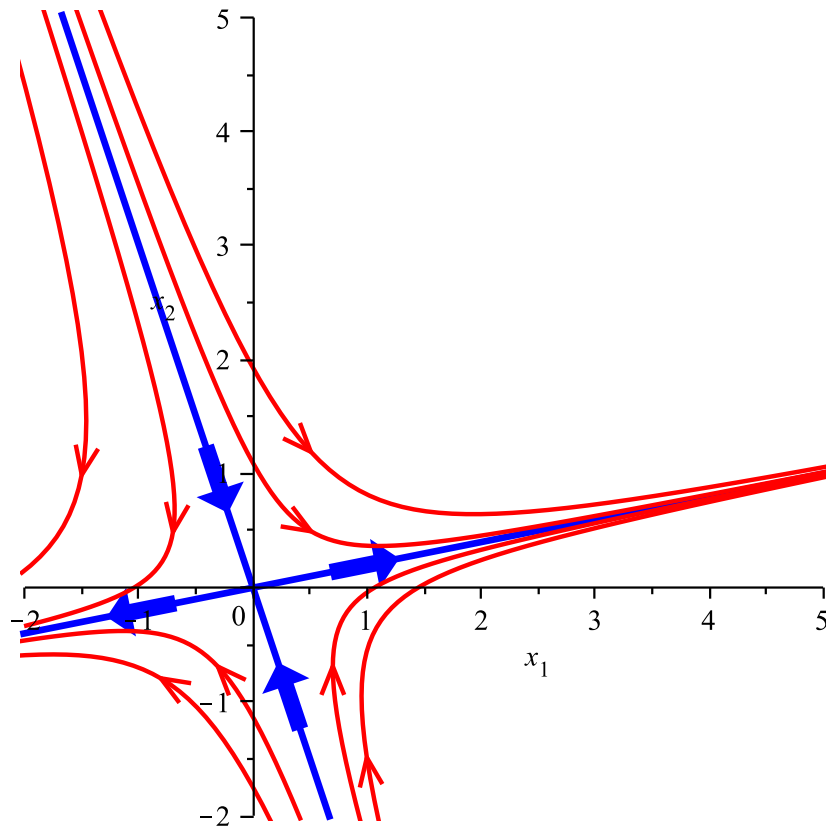
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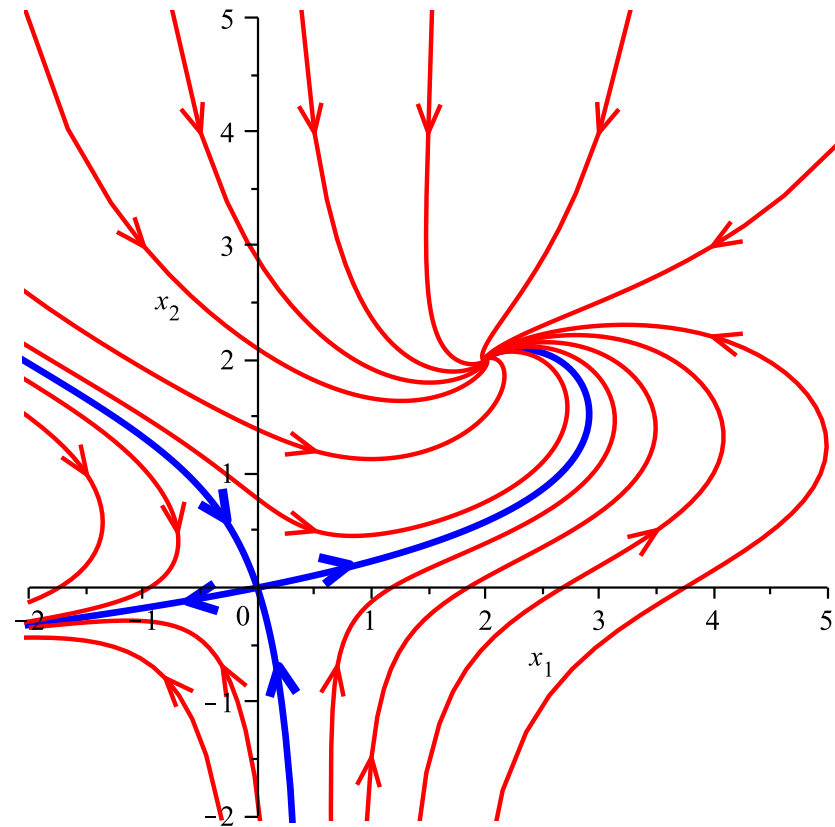
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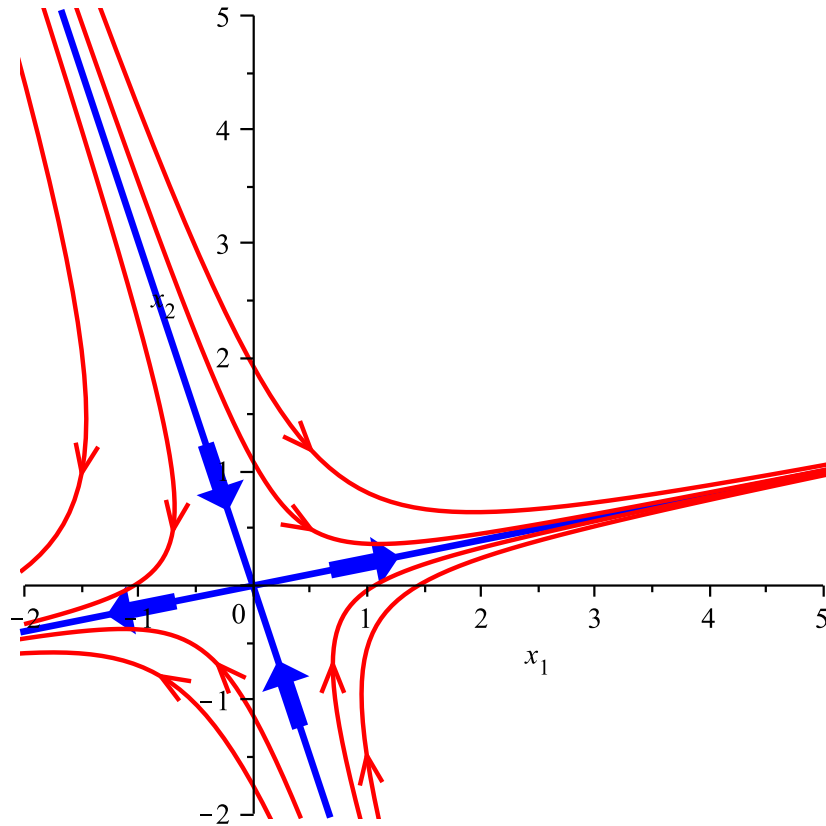


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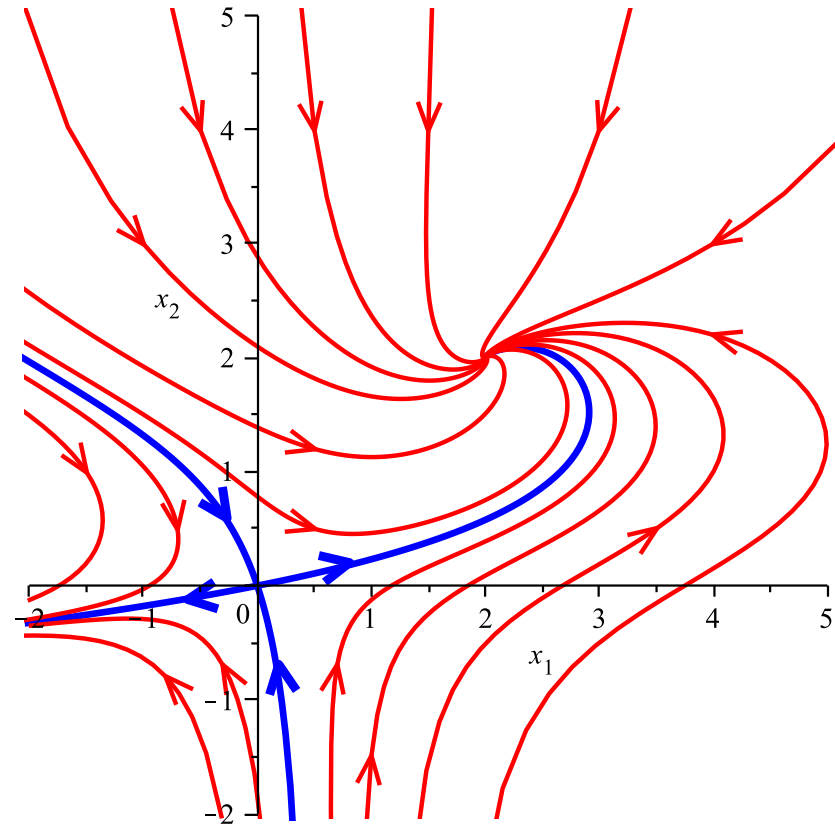
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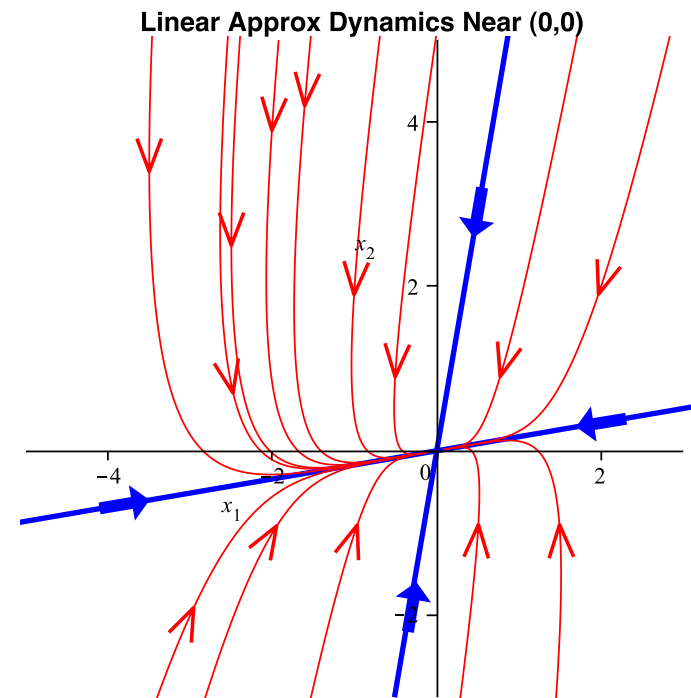
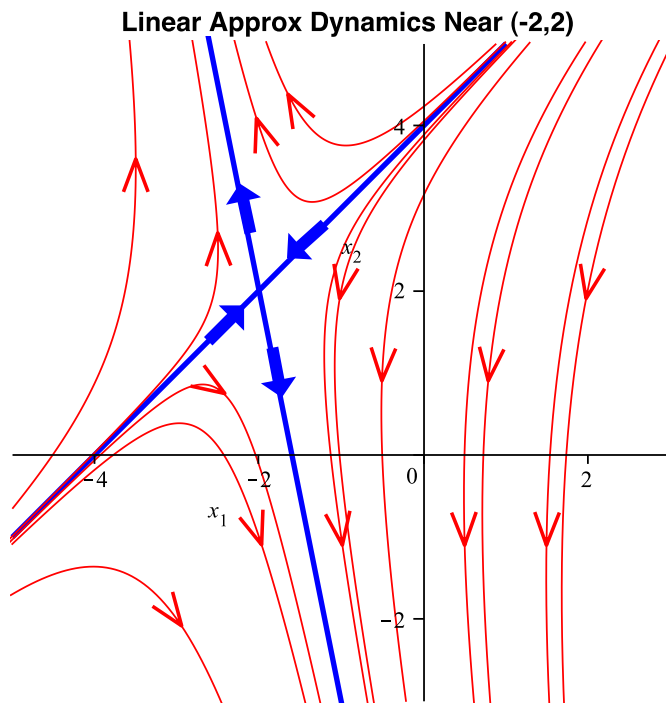
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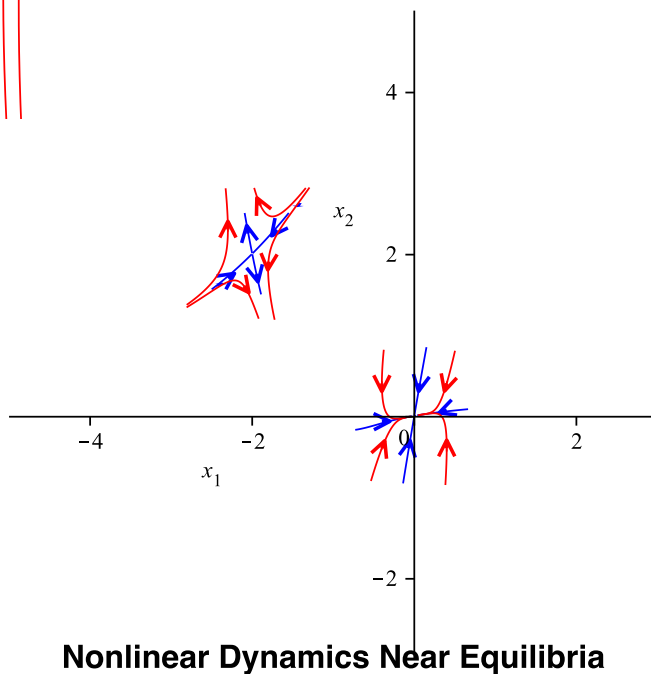
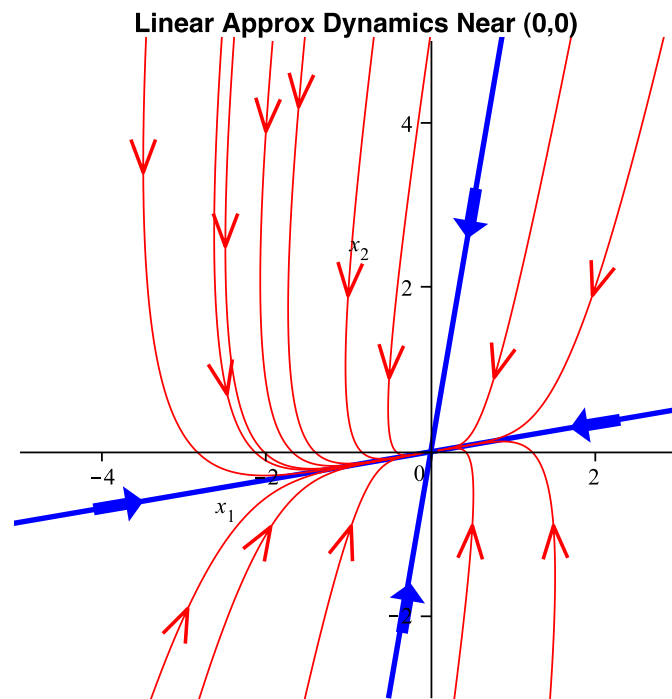
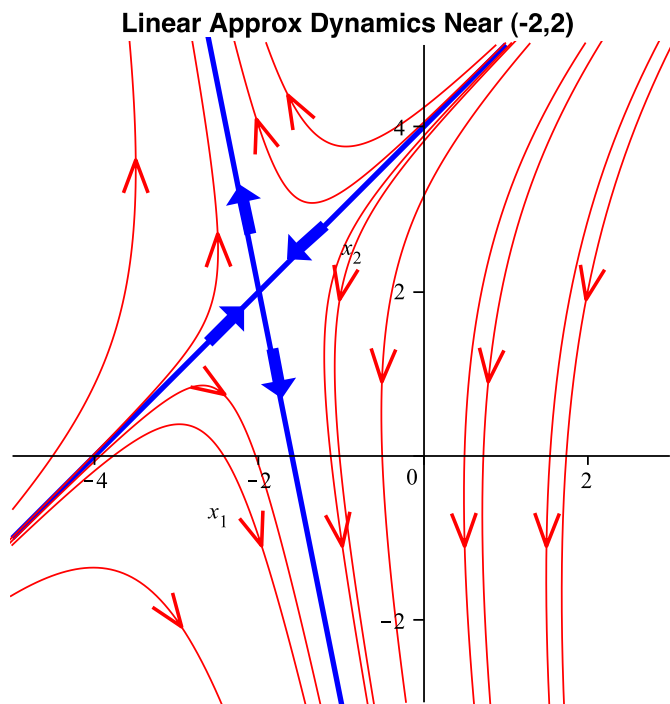
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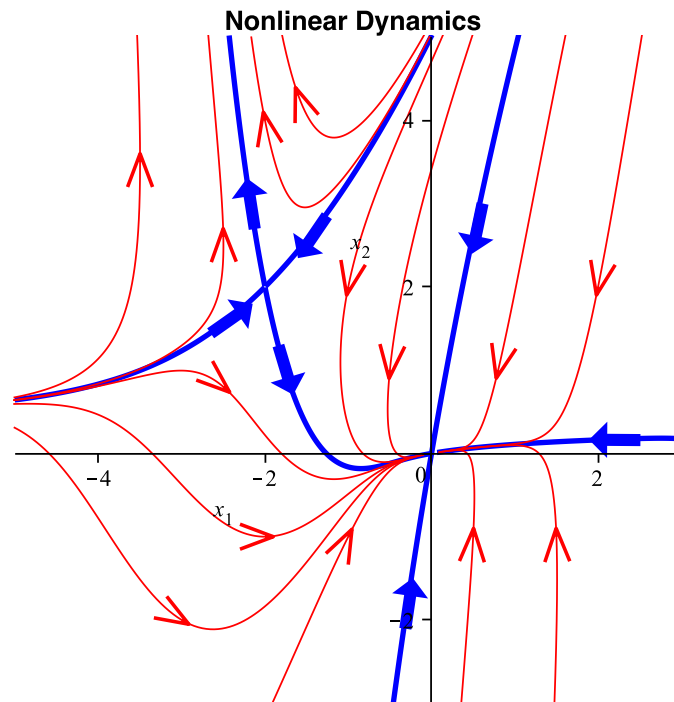
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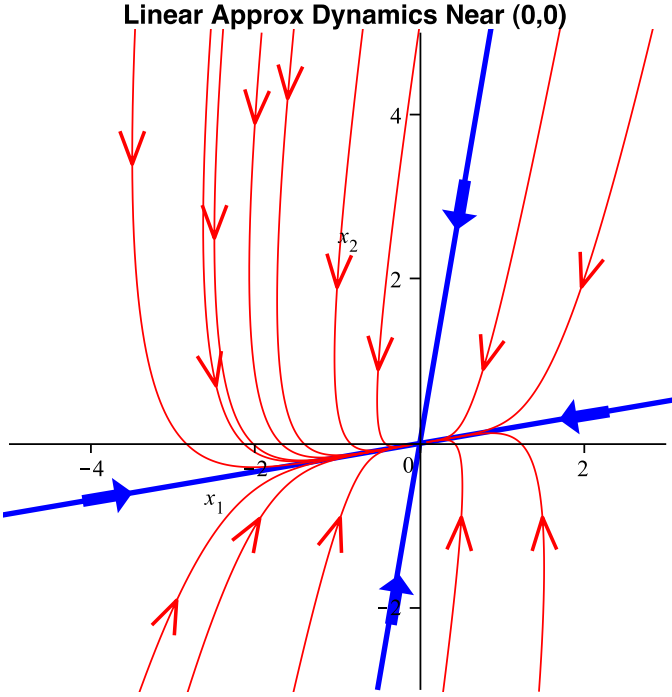
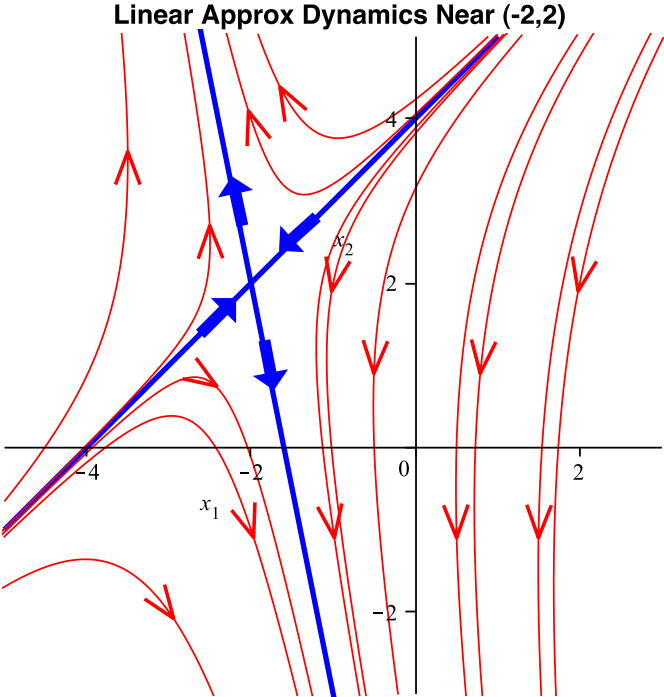
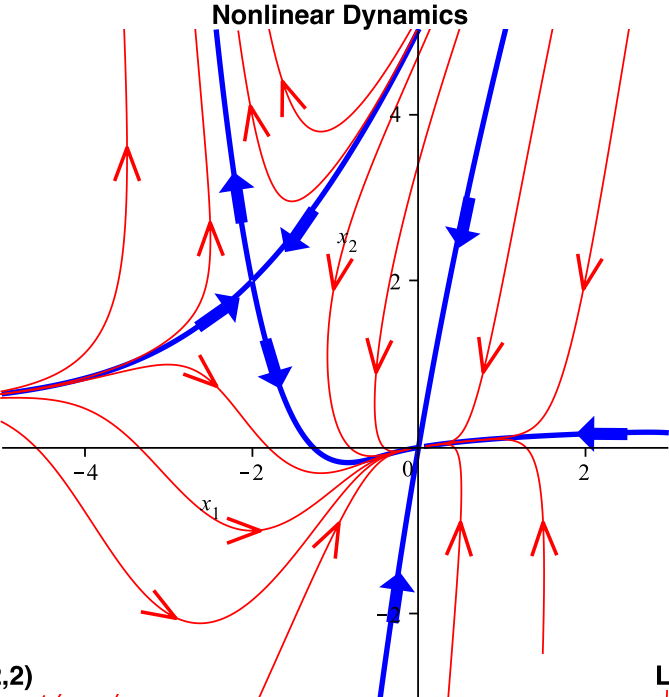
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- ▶ Find all equilibria.
- ▶ For each equilibrium, give the linear approximating system near it.
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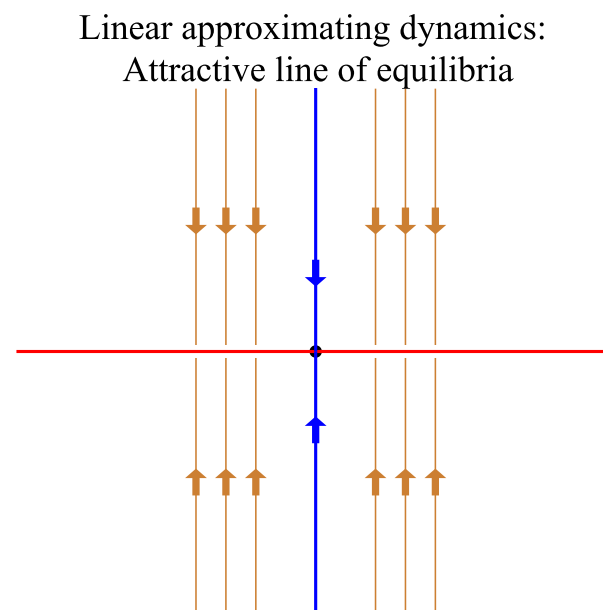
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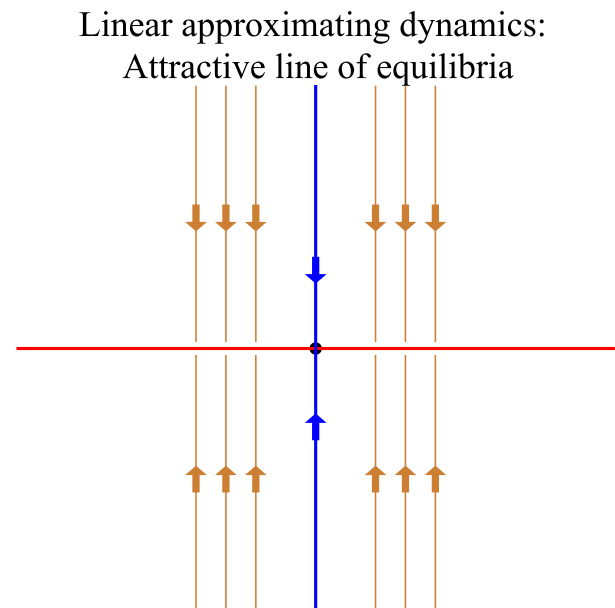
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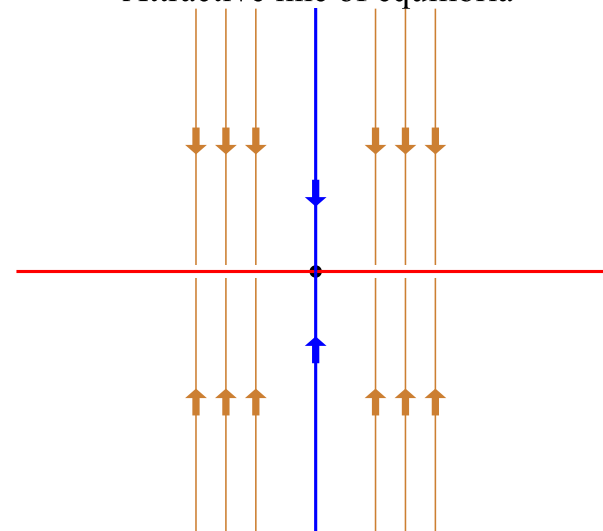
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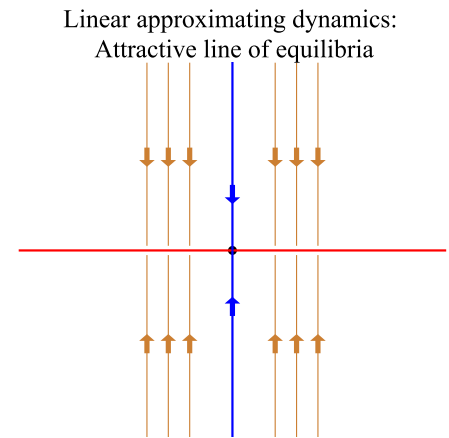


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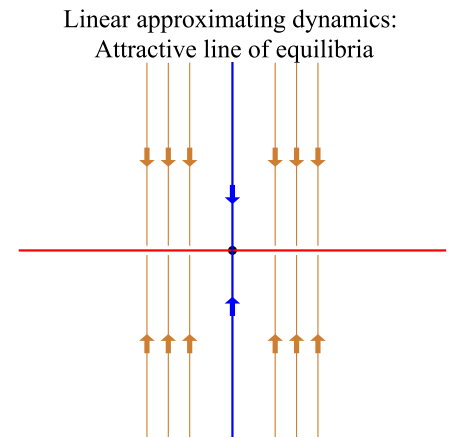


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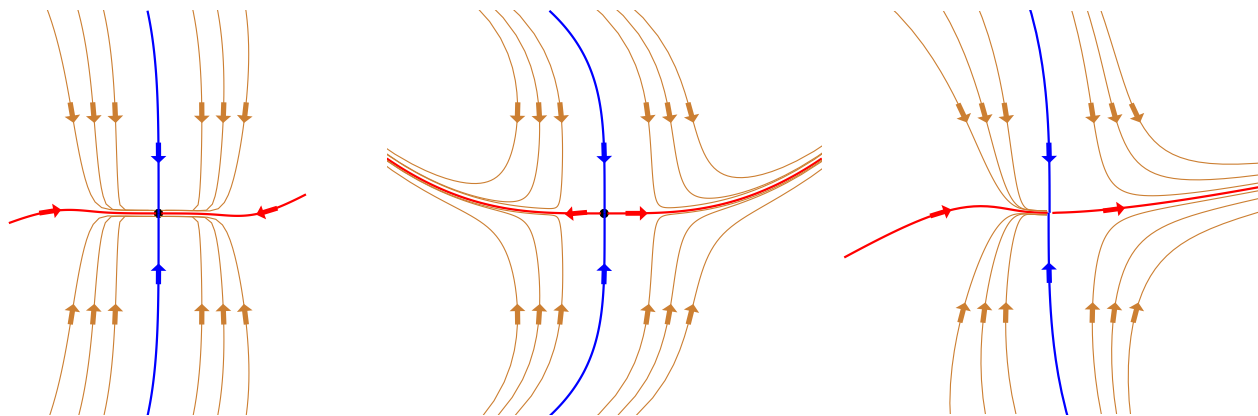
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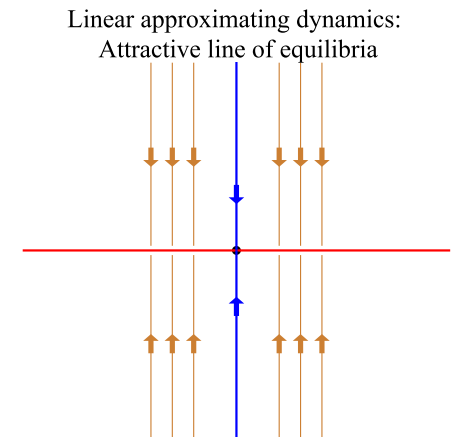
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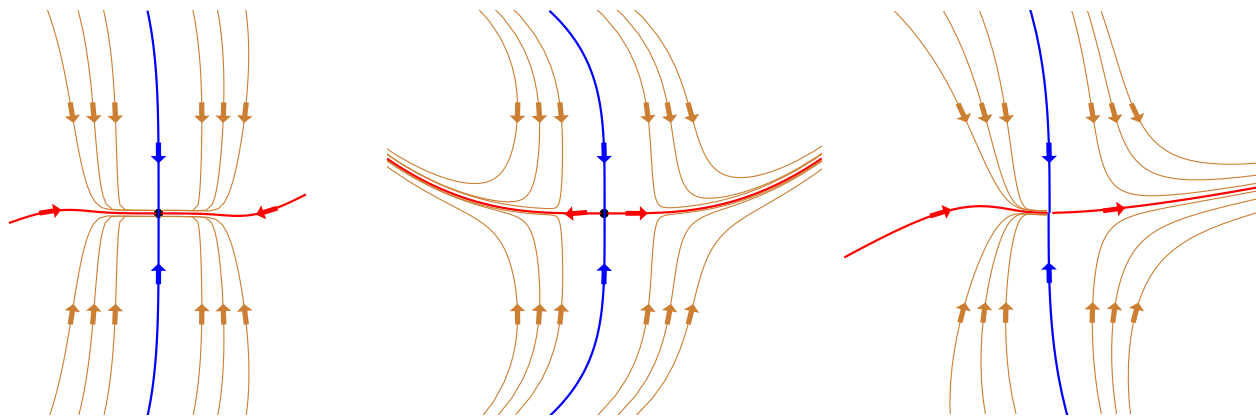
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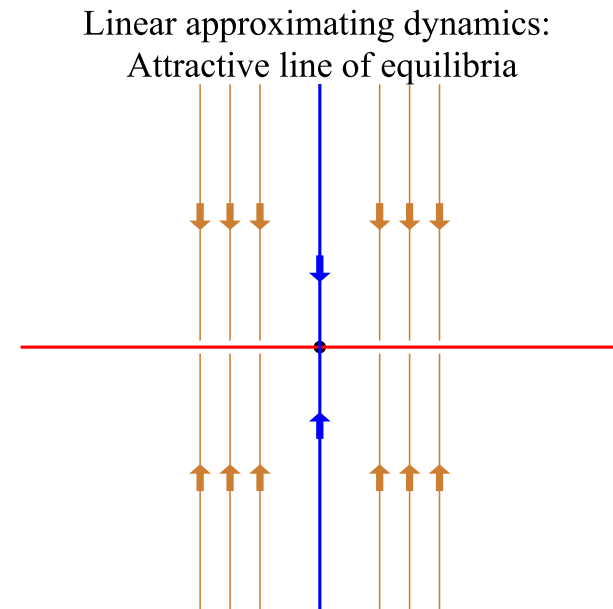
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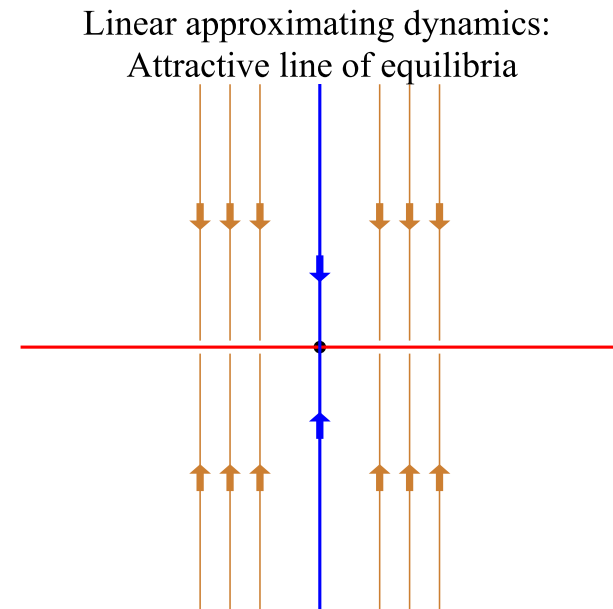


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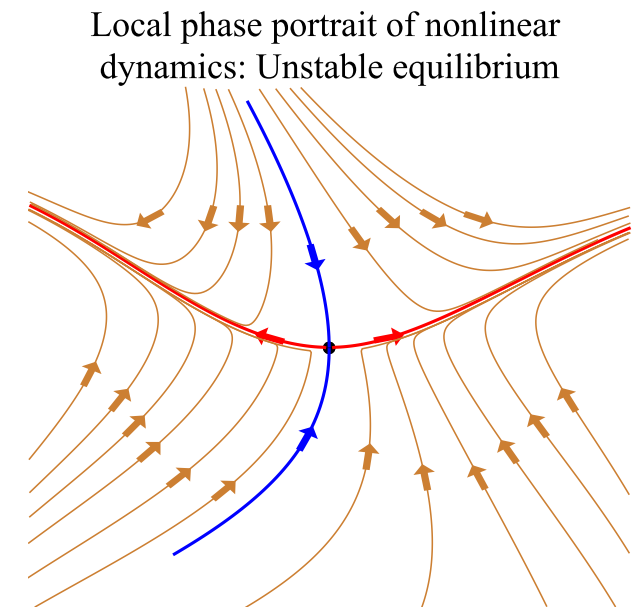
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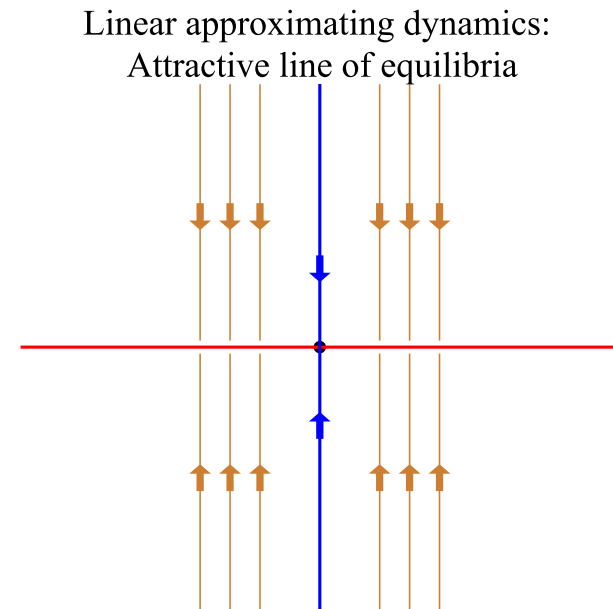


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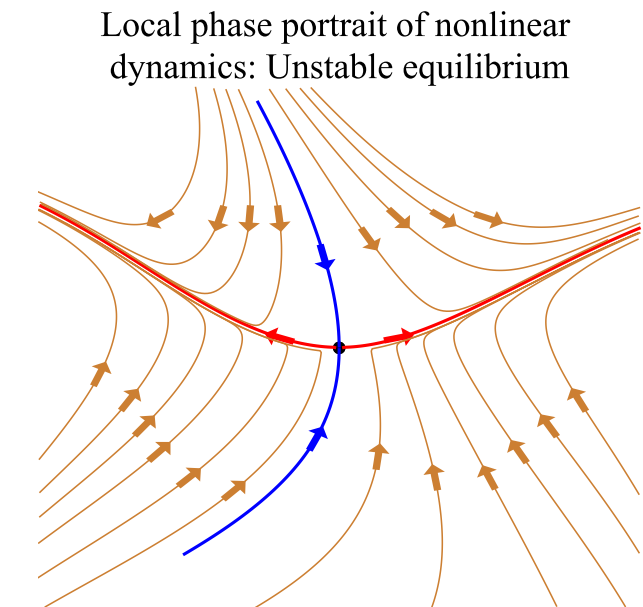
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- Impossible to get this by the linear approximation alone.
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Example 7 (Neutral Eigenvalue)

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = x_1 x_2 + \frac{1}{5} x_2^3 + x_1^4 \\ x_2' = x_2 + \frac{1}{2} x_1^3 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Give the linear approximating system near the equilibrium $(0, 0)$. Sketch the phase portrait of the linear approx system.
- ▶ Determine whether $(0, 0)$ is stable or unstable with respect to the nonlinear system.
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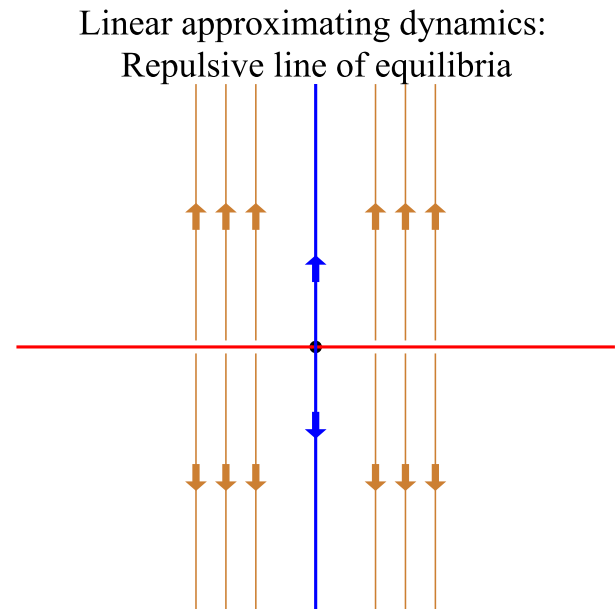
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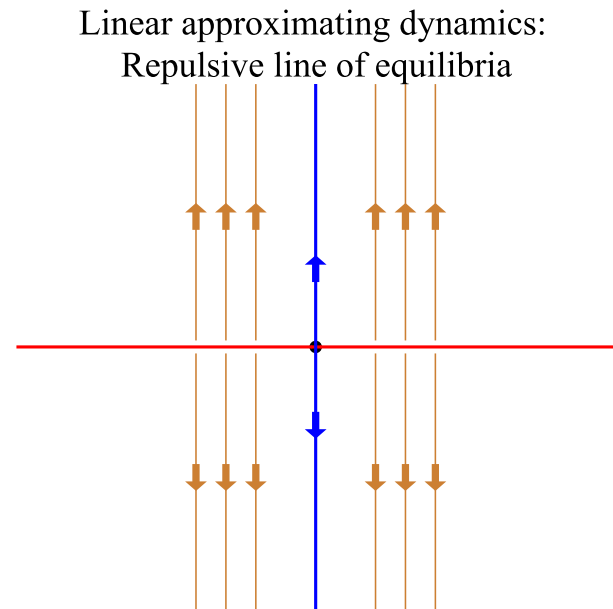
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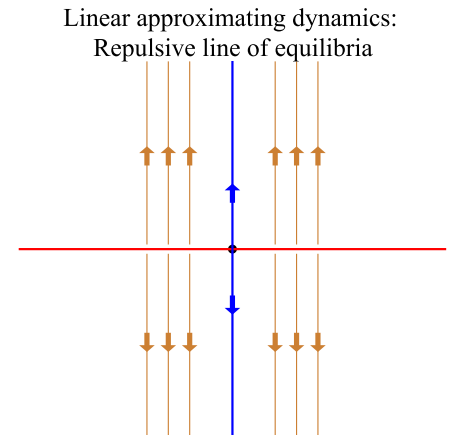


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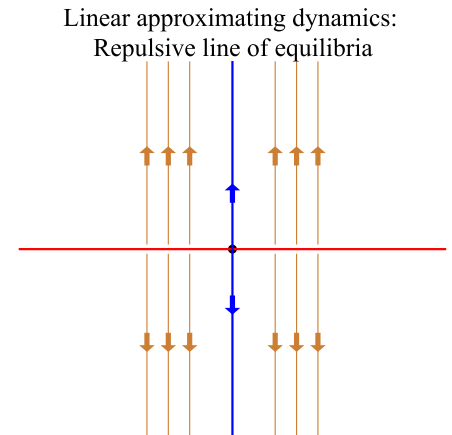


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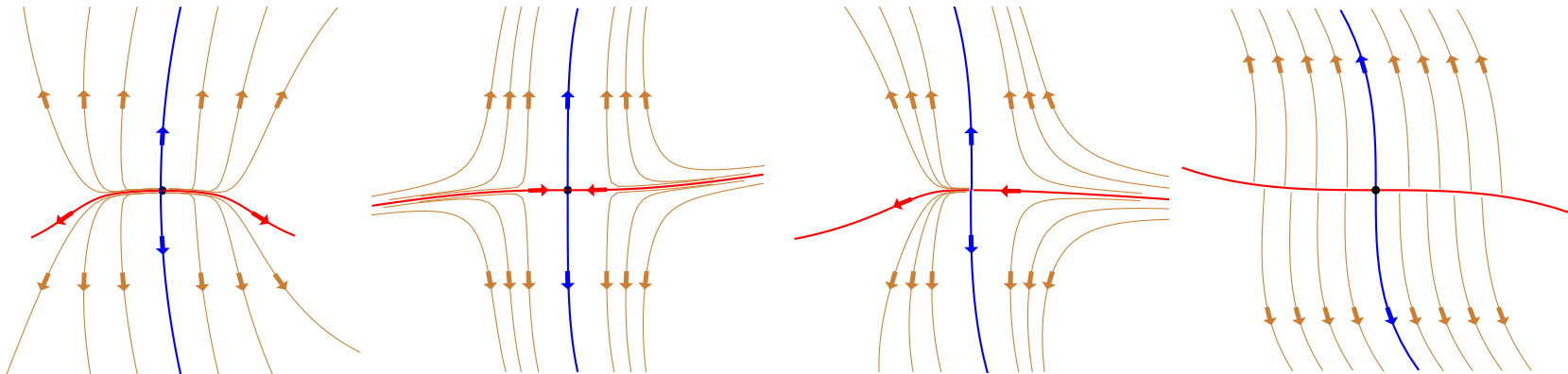
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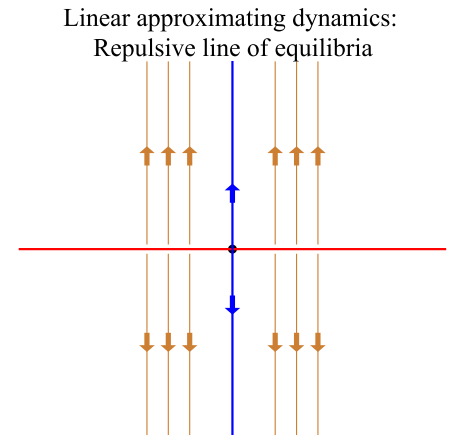


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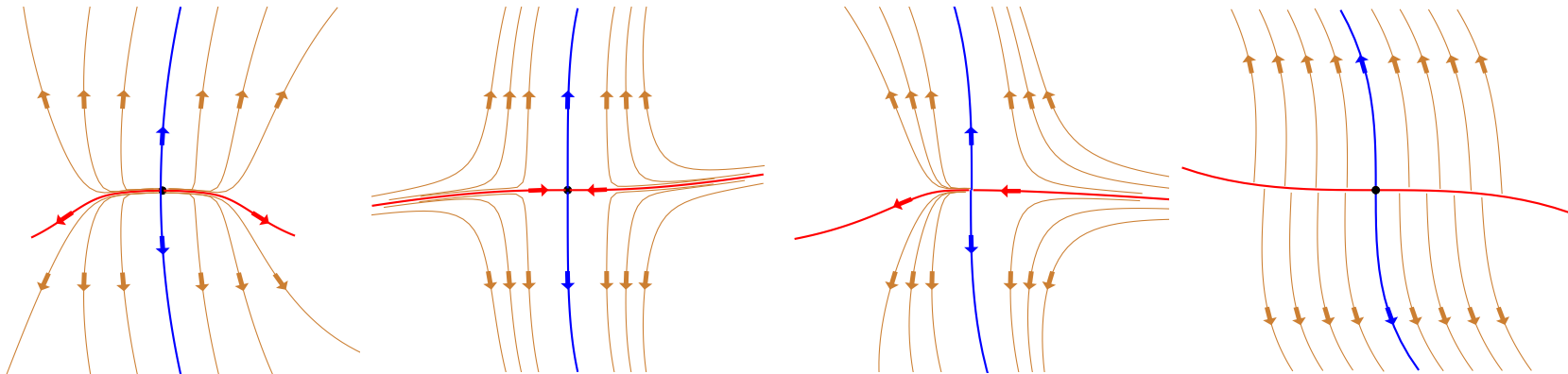
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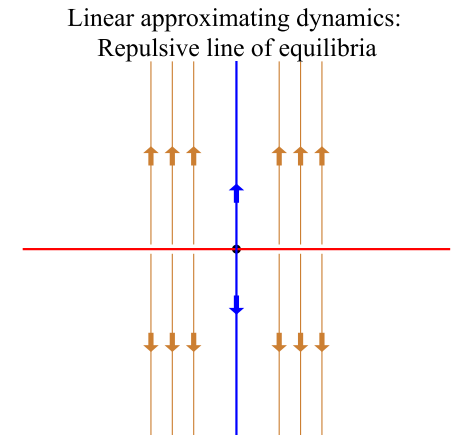
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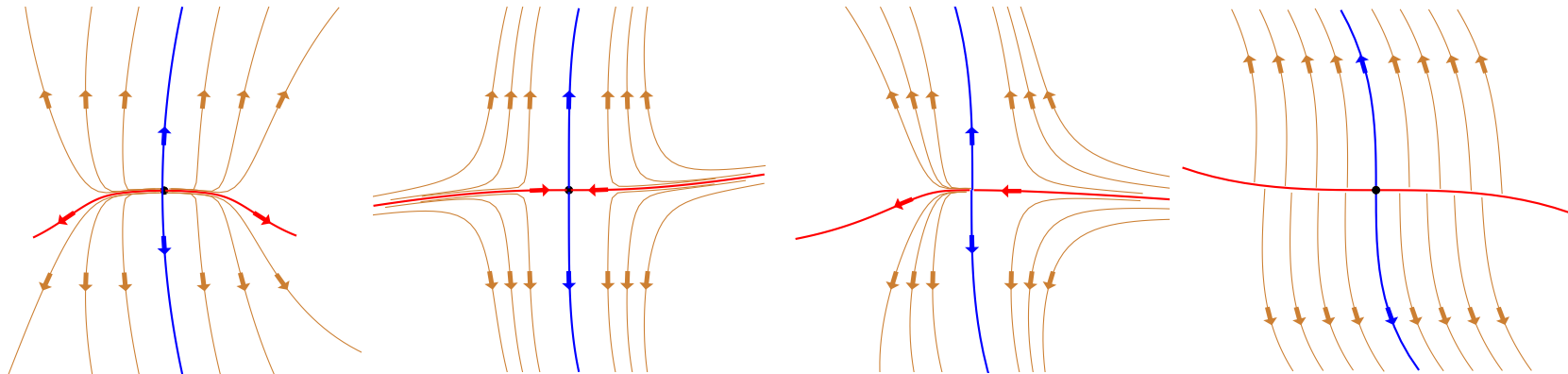
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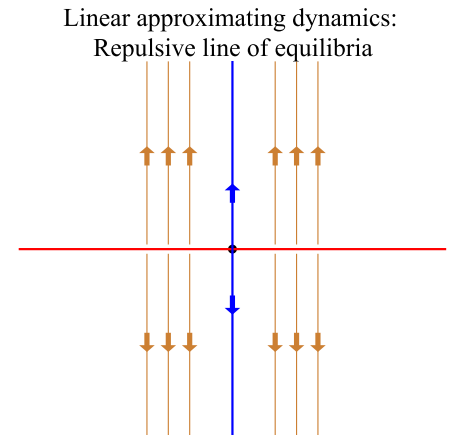
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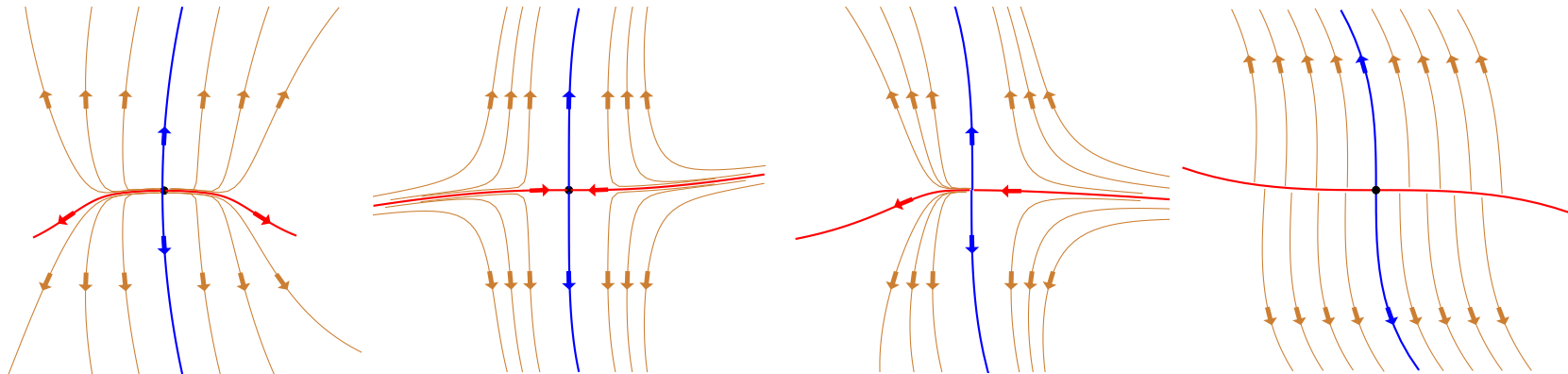
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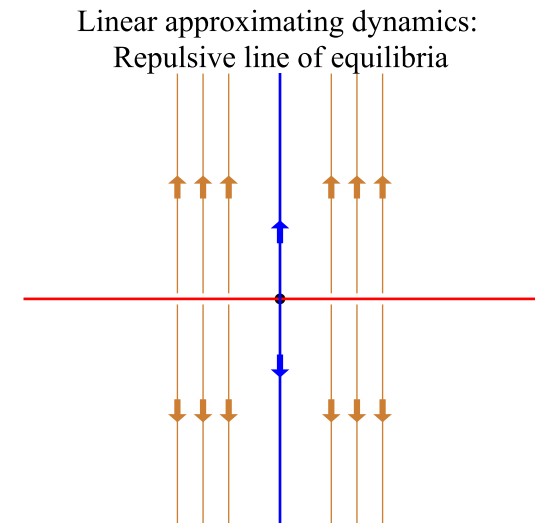
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- **Reason:** since $\lambda_2 = 1 > 0$, solutions along this eigenspace will grow, with the growth rate ≈ 1 , even in the nonlinear system.

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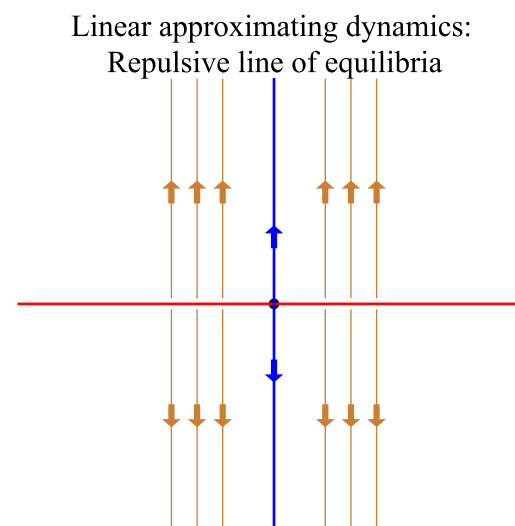


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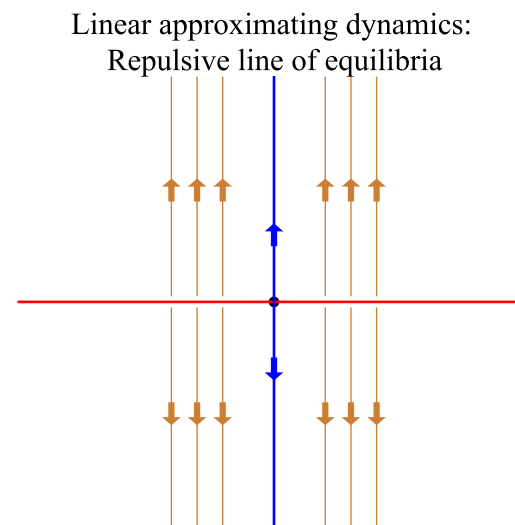
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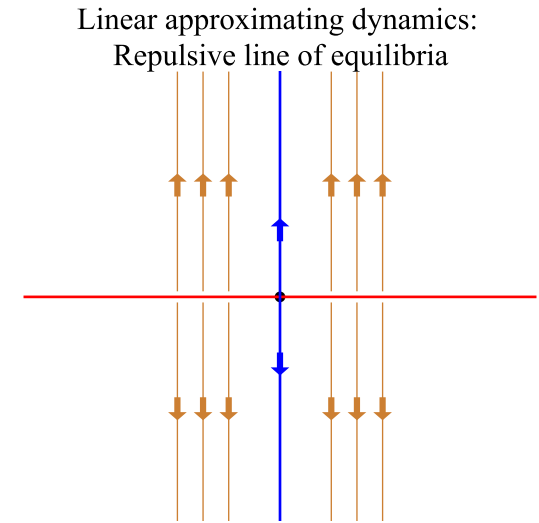
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Example 7. Summary.

Linear approx system for $(x_1, x_2) \approx (0, 0)$:

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

Eigenvalues $\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 0 & \text{(neutral)} \\ \lambda_2 = 1 > 0 & \text{(instability)} \end{cases}$



- Since one of the eigenvalues is > 0 , the linear approximation \Rightarrow the nonlinear instability of $(0, 0)$.
- Since one of the eigenvalues is $= 0$ (neutral), the linear approximation $\not\Rightarrow$ the nonlinear local phase portrait.

- Advanced *nonlinear* tools (center manifolds, ...) can give the local phase portrait of the nonlinear system near $(0, 0)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 x_2 + \frac{1}{5} x_2^3 + x_1^4 \\ x_2 + \frac{1}{2} x_1^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

