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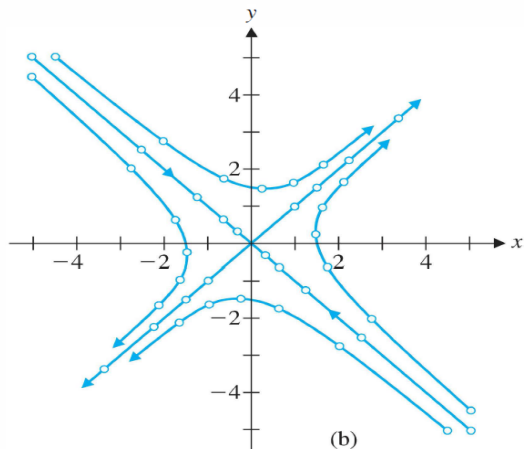
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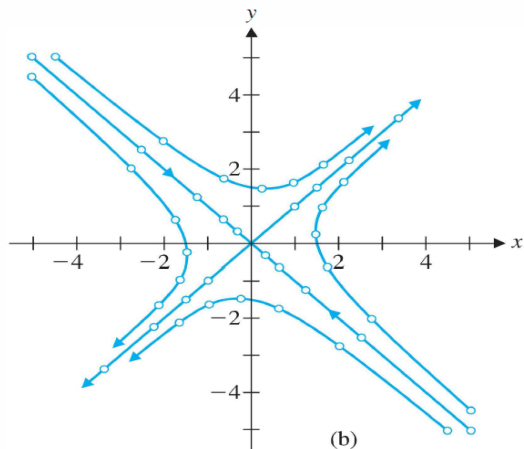
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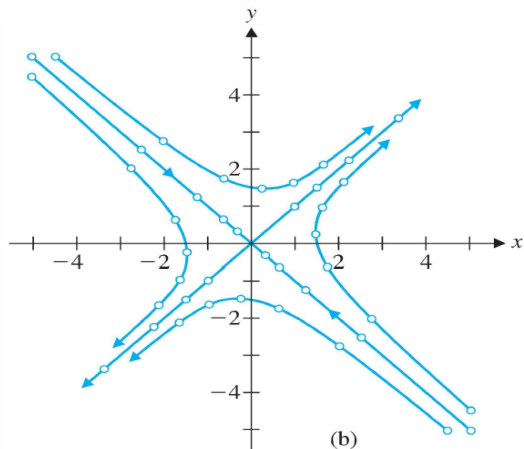


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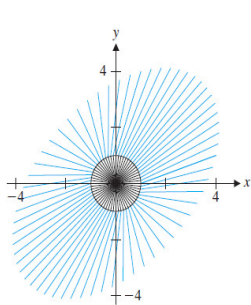
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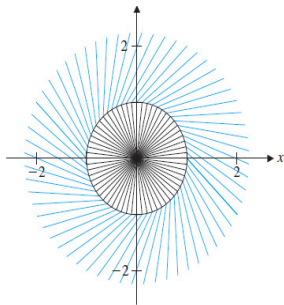
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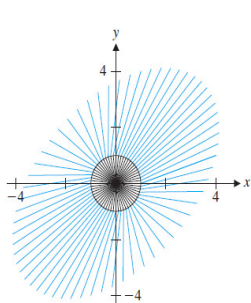


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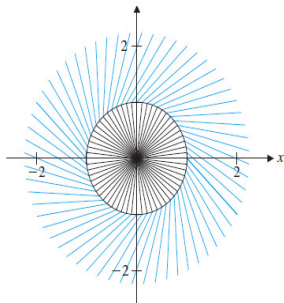
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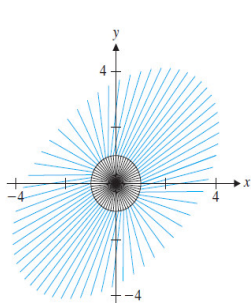


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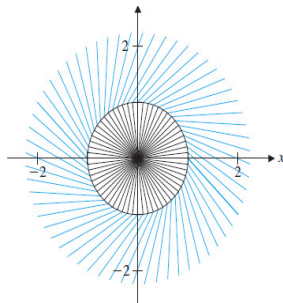
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Better than triangular: we could get a **Jordan canonical form**, i.e. a block-diagonal matrix formed by blocks of type:

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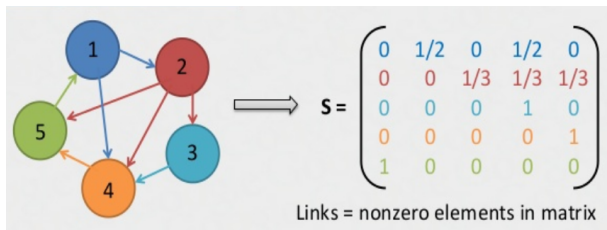
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