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Plug each λ in to solve for the nullspace of $(A - \lambda I)$. Augmented:

$\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ reduce & parametrize. Geometrically: reflection.

