

IF

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \alpha(t, x) \right|_{t=0} = v(x), \quad \alpha(0, x) = x.$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha(t, x) = f_t(x)$ . by the theory of the ordinary differential equations.  $\Rightarrow$

For  $t$  small, the fixed points of  $f_t$  will be exactly the zeros of  $v$ , and if  $v$  is given as above near a zero  $p$ , then in terms of the coordinates  $x$ ,

$$f_t(p) = e^{tA} + \text{higher-order terms.}$$

IF We may assume that  $f_t: (-\delta, \delta) \times B(x_0, \epsilon) \rightarrow U$  where  $B(x_0, \epsilon) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open.

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{df_t}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = v \quad \Rightarrow f_t(x) = tv + x$$

For example, if  $v(x) = x^2$ ,  $n=1$ ,

$$f_t(x) = tx^2 + x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x = 0, -\frac{1}{t} \text{ for small } t.$$

$\Rightarrow f_t$  is not a diffeomorphism.  $\Rightarrow$  Wrong conclusion!

$$f_t(x) = tx^2 + x$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} f_t(x) = x^2 \neq (tx^2 + x)^2$$

Given a vector field  $v$ , does there exist a curve  $f(t)$  s.t.  $\frac{d}{dt} f_t(x) = v(f_t(x))$ .

$$f_0(x) = x.$$

$\Rightarrow f_t(x) = tv + x$  is not a solution!