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in type A

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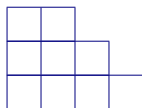
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A general solution: [Arakawa–Premet 2017]

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