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Homework 6  
Due: Friday, March 24

1. We work with  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the standard basis  $\mathcal{E} = \{(1,0)^T, (0,1)^T\}$ . Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  be the operator with matrix

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}} = [T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{pmatrix} 27 & 50 \\ 15 & -28 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $v$  be the vector given by  $[v]_{\mathcal{E}} = (1 \ 0)$ .

- (a) Compute  $[T(v)]_{\mathcal{E}}$  and  $[T^2(v)]_{\mathcal{E}}$ .  
(b) Find numbers  $a_0, a_1$  and  $a_2$  such that

$$a_2 \cdot T^2(v) + a_1 T(v) + v = 0.$$

- (c) Find an eigenvalue of  $T$ , and an associated eigenvector. (Hint: Consider the polynomial  $a_2 z^2 + a_1 z + a_0$ .)
2. Define  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^3)$  by  $T(x, y, z) = (2y, 0, 5z)$ . Determine all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $T$ .
3. Suppose that  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  with  $ST = TS$ , and suppose that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ . Prove that  $\text{null}(T - \lambda \text{id})$  is invariant under  $S$ .
4. Suppose that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ .
- (a) Suppose that  $x, y \in V$  are nonzero vectors, and that  $x, y$  and  $x + y$  are each eigenvectors of  $T$ . Prove that  $x$  and  $y$  belong to the *same* eigenvalue.  
(In other words, if  $T(x) = \lambda_1 x$ ,  $T(y) = \lambda_2 y$ , and  $T(x + y) = \lambda_3(x + y)$ , then  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ .)
- (b) Suppose that every element of  $V$  is an eigenvector of  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  is a scalar multiple of the identity operator.
5. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  and  $\dim \text{im}(T) = k$ . Prove that  $T$  has at most  $k + 1$  distinct eigenvalues.