Math 132 - HW 2 due January 14

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- 1. True/False: Determine which of the following statements are true. For each true statement, give a proof and for each false statement produce a counterexample.
 - (a) Every linear operator on an n-dimensional space has n distinct eigenvalues.
 - (b) If a real matrix has one eigenvector, then it has infinitely many.
 - (c) There exists a square matrix with no eigenvectors.
 - (d) Eigenvalues must be non-zero scalars.
 - (e) Any two eigenvectors are linearly independent.
 - (f) The sum of two eigenvalues of a linear operator T is always an eigenvalue of T.
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- 2. Do problem 1 from HW 1 again. This time use determinants to compute the characteristic polynomial, eigenvalues and eigenvectors if you used row reduction on HW 1 and use row reduction if you used determinants.