

#5746 Build the linear operator on \mathbb{R}^4 that does not possess eigenvectors
Solution It is obvious that in order a linear operator on \mathbb{R}^4 not to possess eigenvectors it is necessary and sufficient for operator only to have complex eigenvalues with non-zero imaginary part.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A possesses two eigenvalues of multiplicity 2, they are $\lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm i$ (it is a consequence of that A has block form), thus the equality $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda_{1,2}\mathbf{v}$, $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$ is impossible.