Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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Which, if any, of the vectors in the following pictures are eigenvectors? What are the corresponding eigenvalues?





Use the applet at

math.mit.edu/daimp/MatrixVector.html

to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following 2×2 matrices. (Use the applet. Do not use the usual computations.)

1.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$