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1. Let $n$ be a positve natural number, $A$ be an $n \times n$ matrix over a field $F$, and $T \in L\left(F^{n}\right)$. In each case determine if $A$ or $T$, respectively, is invertible, not invertible, or there is not sufficient information to decide. Justify your answer. a. $\quad T^{k}=0$ for some $k \geq 2$.
b. $\quad A B=0$ for some nonzero $n \times p$ matrix $B$ with $p \geq 1$.
c. $\quad A$ is similar to an invertible $n \times n$ matrix $B$.
d. $\quad \operatorname{nullity}(T)>\operatorname{rank}(T)$.
2. Suppose $V$ is an $n$-dimensional vector space, $n>0$, and $T \in L(V)$. Let $\mathbf{v}$ be a non-zero vector in $V$. Explain why $\alpha=\left\langle\mathbf{v}, T \mathbf{v}, T^{2} \mathbf{v}, \ldots, T^{n} \mathbf{v}\right\rangle$ must be dependent, and why $\operatorname{span}(\alpha)$ must be $T$-invariant.
