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**Problem 1:** Find all of the eigenvalues of this matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Solution:** We compute the characteristic polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1 - \lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1 - \lambda)(-\lambda)(1 - \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2. \end{aligned}$$

The two eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$ .

Bonus: The eigenspace associated with  $\lambda = 0$  has dimension 1, and the eigenspace associated with  $\lambda = 1$  has dimension 1 or 2.