

(a) A Banach space  $X$  and an operator  $T \in B(X)$  having no nontrivial invariant subspace.

(b) A Banach space  $X$  and an operator  $T \in B(X)$  having a nontrivial invariant subspace.

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(a) C.J. Read showed that if  $X = l^1$  then there exists a bounded operator on  $l^1$  having no nontrivial invariant subspace.

(cf. [C.J. Read, A solution to the invariant subspace problem, Bull. London Math. Soc., 16(1984), 337-401.]

(b) If  $X = \mathcal{C}^n (n > 1)$ ,  $T \in B(\mathcal{C}^n) - \mathcal{C}I$  is an arbitrary operator and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ , then  $M = \text{Ker}(T - \alpha I)$  is a nontrivial subspace of  $X$  and  $TM \subseteq M$ . (  $I$  is the identity operator on  $\mathcal{C}^n$  )