

## Step-1

Let  $A$  be a square matrix such that  $A^2 = A$ .

Such a matrix is called Idempotent Matrix.

Suppose  $A$  has full set of eigenvectors and thus,  $A$  can be diagonalized. Therefore, the rank of the matrix  $A$  is  $n$ , where  $A$  is  $n$  by  $n$  matrix.

## Step-2

Let us consider  $x$  to be an eigenvector with respect to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ .

Thus, we have  $Ax = x$ .

But,  $A^2 = A$ .

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A(Ax) &= Ax \\ A^2x &= x \end{aligned}$$

This clearly indicates that the vector  $x$  lies in the row space of the matrix  $A$ .

## Step-3

Let us consider  $y$  to be an eigenvector with respect to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$ .

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Ay &= 0y \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This indicates that  $y$  must be in the nullspace of the matrix  $A$ .