

Assignment 11

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Abstract—This document contains a solution for a problem related to linear transformation.

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https://github.com/Matish007/Matrix-Theory-EE5609-/tree/master/Assignment_11

1 PROBLEM

Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space and let T be a linear operator on V . Suppose that $\text{rank}(T^2) = \text{rank}(T)$. Prove that the range and null space of T are disjoint, i.e., have only the zero vector in common.

2 SOLUTION

Given	$\mathbf{T} : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ be a linear operator. $\text{Rank}(T^2) = \text{Rank}(T)$
Rank of T and T^2	Let (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) be a basis for T , then $\text{Rank}(T)$ is linearly independent vectors in the set $(Te_1, Te_2, \dots, Te_n)$ Let, $\text{Rank}(T) = r = \text{Rank}(T^2)$
Rank Nullity Theorem	If $\text{Rank}(T) = r$ then $(Te_1, Te_2, \dots, Te_r)$ is the basis of range T . Similarly for T^2 , $(T^2e_1, T^2e_2, \dots, T^2e_r)$ is the basis of range T^2
$\mathbf{v} \in \text{range}(T)$ $\mathbf{v} \in \text{nullspace}(T)$	$\mathbf{v} = c_1Te_1 + c_2Te_2 + \dots + c_rTe_r$ $T(\mathbf{v}) = 0$ $T(c_1Te_1 + c_2Te_2 + \dots + c_rTe_r) = 0$ $c_1T^2e_1 + c_2T^2e_2 + \dots + c_rT^2e_r = 0$ But, $(T^2e_1, T^2e_2, \dots, T^2e_r)$ is the basis of range T^2 So, $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_r = 0$ Substituting these in \mathbf{v} we get $\mathbf{v} = 0$
Conclusion	Hence from above it can be seen that when \mathbf{v} belongs to both $\text{range}(T)$ and $\text{nullspace}(T)$ then \mathbf{v} is a zero vector. Hence, $\text{range}(T)$ and $\text{nullspace}(T)$ are disjoint.