

# FULL TITLE

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## 1. RANK NULLITY THEOREM

It is also called then fundamental theorem of Linear Maps because of its importance in linear transformation.

### 1.1. Stating and Proof.

**Theorem 1. *Rank-Nullity Theorem:*** Suppose  $V$  is finite-dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{L} : (V, W)$ . Then range  $T$  is finite-dimensional and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) &= \dim(V), \text{ or} \\ \dim(\text{Range}(T)) + \dim(\text{Ker}(T)) &= \dim(V) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_l$  be the minimum vectors will that span  $\text{Ker}(T)$ , where  $l$  is the  $\dim(\text{Ker}(T))$ .

And  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-l}$  be the vectors that will span the remaining vector space  $V$  where,  $n$  is the  $\dim(V)$ . Their linear transformation must be independent and should span the entire range of  $T$  in  $W$ , let  $\dim(\text{Range}(T))$  be  $k$ . We will prove this claim later.

Then it becomes quite easy to see why the rank nullity theorem holds. □

**Claim 1.**  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n-l}$  are linearly independent and span the entire  $\text{Range}(T)$ .

*Proving Claim.* □

**1.2. Applications.** We can now prove that some of the mapping can not be surjective or injective.

**Theorem 2** (A map to a smaller dimensional space is not injective). Suppose  $V$  and  $W$  are finite-dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim(V) > \dim(W)$ , then there is no injective linear mapping from  $V$  to  $W$ .

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*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\text{null } T) &= \dim(V) - \dim(\text{Range}(T)) \\ &\geq \dim(V) - \dim(W) \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof.*

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