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For the first direction, suppose $\text{range } T^m = \text{range } T^{m+1}$. Now, suppose $v \in \text{null } T^m$. Then, $T^m v = 0$, so $T^{m+1} v = 0$. Therefore, $\text{null } T^m \subset \text{null } T^{m+1}$. By the rank-nullity theorem, $\dim \text{range } T^m + \dim \text{null } T^m = \dim \text{range } T^{m+1} + \dim \text{null } T^{m+1}$, and from our assumption $\text{range } T^m = \text{range } T^{m+1}$, so $\dim \text{null } T^m = \dim \text{null } T^{m+1} = k$. Let $\beta = \{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ be a basis for $\text{range } T^m$. Since $\text{null } T^m \subset \text{null } T^{m+1}$, $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\} \in \text{range } T^{m+1}$. But, since $\dim \text{null } T^{m+1} = m$, β is also a basis for $\text{null } T^{m+1}$, so $\text{null } T^m = \text{null } T^{m+1}$, completing the proof in one direction.

Now, for the other direction, suppose $\text{null } T^m = \text{null } T^{m+1}$. We know from the rank-nullity theorem that $\dim \text{range } T^m = \dim \text{range } T^{m+1} = k$. So, it only remains to prove that either $\text{range } T^m \subset \text{range } T^{m+1}$, or vice-versa, since the same argument as above will apply. We will prove the latter ($\text{range } T^{m+1} \subset \text{range } T^m$): Consider a nonzero $v \in \text{range } T^{m+1}$ (because it's trivially true that both ranges contain 0) Then, $\exists k \in V : T^{m+1} k = v$. So, $T^{m+1} k = T T^m k = v$, so $v \in \text{range } T^m$, meaning $\text{range } T^{m+1} \subset \text{range } T^m$, and the rest follows from the same argument as above.