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*Proof.* (  $\implies$  ) Suppose  $T$  has an eigenbasis. We partition the vectors in the eigenbasis into  $m$  sets depending on their respective eigenvalues. These partitioned sets must be linearly independent as they are subsets of the eigenbasis. Thus, for a set with a given eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , it has at most  $\text{gemu}(\lambda)$  vectors. We also know that the eigenbasis has  $n$  vectors in it, and the total number of vectors in each partition must sum to  $n$ . Thus  $\sum_{\forall \lambda} \text{gemu}(\lambda) = n$ .

(  $\impliedby$  ) Suppose  $\sum_{\forall \lambda} \text{gemu}(\lambda) = n$ . Note that  $\text{gemu}(\lambda)$  is the number of vectors in the basis of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ . The union of all such bases has  $n$  elements, and because the union of bases for distinct eigenspaces is linearly independent, the union of all bases represents a basis for  $T$ . Thus  $T$  has an eigenbasis.  $\square$