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Title: A Classification of n -tuples of Commuting Isometries

Abstract: Let \mathbb{V} denote an n -tuple of shifts of finite multiplicity, and denote by $\text{Ann}(\mathbb{V})$ the ideal consisting of polynomials p in n complex variables such that $p(\mathbb{V}) = 0$. If \mathbb{W} on \mathfrak{K} is another n -tuple of shifts of finite multiplicity, and there is a \mathbb{W} -invariant subspace \mathfrak{K}' of finite codimension in \mathfrak{K} so that $\mathbb{W}|_{\mathfrak{K}'}$ is similar to \mathbb{V} , then we write $\mathbb{V} \lesssim \mathbb{W}$. If $\mathbb{W} \lesssim \mathbb{V}$ as well, then we write $\mathbb{W} \approx \mathbb{V}$.

In the case that $\text{Ann}(\mathbb{V})$ is a prime ideal we show that the equivalence class of \mathbb{V} is determined by $\text{Ann}(\mathbb{V})$ and a positive integer k . More generally, the equivalence class of \mathbb{V} is determined by $\text{Ann}(\mathbb{V})$ and an m -tuple of positive integers, where m is the number of irreducible components of the zero set of $\text{Ann}(\mathbb{V})$.