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*A Classification of  $n$ -tuples of Commuting Isometries*

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  $\text{Ann}(\mathbb{V})$ .