# The Polynomial Growth of an Operator Ideal 

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Therefore the identity holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$
if and only if it holds for $n=0,1,2, \ldots, 6$.

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