

# 20S-MATH115A-4 Submission Midterm

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TOTAL POINTS

**100 / 100**

QUESTION 1

**1 Problem 1 25 / 25**

✓ **+ 25 pts Correct**

- + 7 pts Found RREF of the matrix
- + 7 pts Found correct basis for  $N(T)$
- + 4 pts Found partially correct basis for  $N(T)$
- + 7 pts Found correct basis for  $R(T)$
- + 4 pts Found partially correct basis for  $R(T)$
- + 4 pts Found rank and nullity
- 1 pts Typo or minor mistakes

- + 4 pts Basis for  $R(T)$
- + 1 pts Rank and Nullity
- + 4 pts Intersection of  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$
- + 4 pts  $N(T) + R(T)$
- 1 pts Minor mistakes

QUESTION 2

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- + 6 pts (a) correct
  - + 6 pts (b) correct
  - + 6 pts (c) correct
  - + 7 pts (d) correct
  - + 3 pts (a) partially correct
  - + 3 pts (b) partially correct
  - + 3 pts (c) partially correct
  - + 4 pts (d) partially correct
- ✓ **+ 25 pts Correct**

QUESTION 3

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- ✓ **- 0 pts Correct**
- 3 pts Typo or calculation errors
- 15 pts Wrong matrix representation

QUESTION 4

**4 Problem 4 25 / 25**

- ✓ **+ 25 pts Correct**
- + 4 pts  $N(T)$
- + 4 pts  $R(T)$
- + 4 pts Basis for  $N(T)$

**Problem 1. (25)**

Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $\mathbf{R}^4$  to itself defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 & 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\mathbf{x}$  is a column vector in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ .

(i) Find a basis of the null space of  $T$ .

(ii) Find a basis of the range of  $T$ .

(iii) What are the nullity and rank of  $T$ ?

$$(i) \quad (A+0) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 9 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 9 & 12 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{(II-I) \\ (III-3I) \\ (IV-4I)}} \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \text{rref}(A) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\forall \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \in N(T), \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -s - 3t \\ x_2 = -s \\ x_3 = s \\ x_4 = t \end{array}$$

let  $x_3$  be arbitrary  $s$   
let  $x_4$  be arbitrary  $t$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \in N(T), \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t \Rightarrow \text{basis of nullspace of } T: \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(ii) We know that  $\text{rref}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We know that a basis of  $R(A)$  will be formed by the columns of the "pivot" variables where there are leading 1's. (which are the first 2 here)

$$\Rightarrow \text{basis of } R(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(iii)  $\text{nullity}(T) = \#(\text{basis of } N(T)) = 2$   
 $\text{rank}(T) = \#(\text{basis of } R(T)) = 2 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{nullity}(T) = 2 \\ \text{rank}(T) = 2 \end{array}$

**Problem 2.** (25)

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Suppose that  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two subspaces, neither of them is contained in the other. Prove or disprove the following statements:

- (a)  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace;
- (b)  $W_1 + W_2$  is a subspace, where  $W_1 + W_2$  is defined to be the collection of elements of the form  $z = x + y$  with  $x \in W_1$  and  $y \in W_2$ .
- (c) any element  $z$  in  $W_1 + W_2$  can be uniquely expressed as  $z = x + y$  with  $x \in W_1$  and  $y \in W_2$ .
- (d)  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2$  if  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ .

(a) This is not necessarily true. Here is a counterexample:

let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $W_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $W_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $F = \mathbb{R}$

let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1 \subset W_1 \cup W_2$

$y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2 \subset W_1 \cup W_2$

$x + y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \notin W_1 \cup W_2$ , so  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is not closed

under addition so  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is not necessarily

a subspace

(b) Proof:

Obviously,  $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq V$  because  $\forall x \in W_1, y \in W_2, x + y \in V$  because  $V$  is closed under addition.

$0 \in W_1, 0 \in W_2$  because  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces, so  $0 + 0 = 0 \in W_1 + W_2$ , so the zero element is in  $W_1 + W_2$

Let  $c, d \in F, z_1, z_2 \in W_1 + W_2, x_1, x_2 \in W_1, y_1, y_2 \in W_2$

where  $z_1 = x_1 + y_1, z_2 = x_2 + y_2$

$$c z_1 + d z_2 = c(x_1 + y_1) + d(x_2 + y_2) = cx_1 + cy_1 + dx_2 + dy_2 =$$

$$= (cx_1 + dx_2) + (cy_1 + dy_2) \in W_1 + W_2 \text{ because}$$

$W_1$  and  $W_2$  closed

$$c z_1 + d z_2 = (cx_1 + dx_2) + (cy_1 + dy_2) \in W_1 + W_2 \Rightarrow W_1 + W_2 \text{ is closed}$$

Because  $W_1 + W_2$  includes  $0$  of  $V$  and is closed under addition and scalar multiplication,  $W_1 + W_2$  is a subspace.

(2) (c) This is not necessarily true. Here is a counterexample:

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $W_1 = \text{span}\left(\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}\right)$ ,  $W_2 = \text{span}\left(\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}\right)$

Let  $z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1 + W_2$

$z = x_1 + y_1$ , where  $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1$  and  $y_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2$

But,  $z = x_2 + y_2$ , where  $x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1$  and  $y_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2$

Because  $x_1 \neq x_2$ ,  $y_1 \neq y_2$ ,  $z \in W_1 + W_2$  and is not uniquely expressed as  $z = x + y$  with  $x \in W_1$  and  $y \in W_2$

(d) Proof:

We can use the fact that  $\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$

$$W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\} \Rightarrow \dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2)$$

**Problem 3. (25)**

Given two matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , define two linear transformations  $T_A$  and  $T_B$  from  $M_{2,2}(\mathbf{R})$  to itself by the formula  $T_A(X) = AX$  and  $T_B(X) = BX$  for  $X \in M_{2,2}(\mathbf{R})$ . Let  $\beta = \{e_{1,1}, e_{1,2}, e_{2,1}, e_{2,2}\}$  be the standard basis of  $M_{2,2}(\mathbf{R})$ .

(i) Find the matrices  $[T_A]_\beta$  and  $[T_B]_\beta$ .

(ii) Find the matrices  $[T_A \circ T_B]_\beta$  and  $[T_B \circ T_A]_\beta$ .

(iii) Find the matrix  $[(T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A)^n]_\beta$ , where  $(T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A)^n = (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A) \circ (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A) \cdots (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A)$  is the  $n$ -fold composition of  $(T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A)$ .

$$(i) [T_A]_\beta = (T_A(e_{1,1}), T_A(e_{1,2}), T_A(e_{2,1}), T_A(e_{2,2})) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \left( 0, 0, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = (0, 0, e_{1,1}, e_{1,2})$$

$$[T_A]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_B \beta = (T_B(e_{1,1}), T_B(e_{1,2}), T_B(e_{2,1}), T_B(e_{2,2})) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, 0, 0 \right) = (e_{2,1}, e_{2,2}, 0, 0)$$

$$[T_B]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(ii) [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta = [T_A]_\beta \cdot [T_B]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta$$

$$[T_B \circ T_A]_\beta = [T_B]_\beta \cdot [T_A]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = [T_B \circ T_A]_\beta$$



$$\text{Let } T_Q = T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A$$

(iii) First, we can establish a few things:

$$[(T_A \circ T_B) \circ (T_A \circ T_B)]_\beta = [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta \cdot [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta = [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta^2$$

$$[(T_B \circ T_A) \circ (T_B \circ T_A)]_\beta = [T_B \circ T_A]_\beta \cdot [T_B \circ T_A]_\beta = [T_B \circ T_A]_\beta^2$$

$$[(T_B \circ T_A) \circ (T_A \circ T_B)]_\beta = [T_B \circ T_A]_\beta \cdot [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta = 0$$

$$[(T_A \circ T_B) \circ (T_B \circ T_A)]_\beta = [T_A \circ T_B]_\beta \cdot [T_B \circ T_A]_\beta = 0$$

$$\text{For } n=2, (T_Q)^2 = (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A) \circ (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A)$$

$$= (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A) \circ (T_A \circ T_B) - (T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A) \circ (T_B \circ T_A)$$

$$= (T_A \circ T_B \circ T_A \circ T_B) - (T_B \circ T_A \circ T_A \circ T_B) - (T_A \circ T_B \circ T_B \circ T_A) + (T_B \circ T_A \circ T_B \circ T_A)$$

$$[(T_Q)^2]_\beta = \begin{matrix} \downarrow & & & \downarrow \\ [T_A T_B]_\beta & - & 0 & - & 0 & + & [T_B T_A]_\beta \end{matrix}$$

$$[(T_Q)^3]_\beta = ([T_A T_B]_\beta + [T_B T_A]_\beta) \cdot ([T_A T_B]_\beta - [T_B T_A]_\beta)$$

$$= [T_A T_B]_\beta \cdot [T_A T_B]_\beta - [T_A T_B]_\beta \cdot [T_B T_A]_\beta + [T_B T_A]_\beta \cdot [T_A T_B]_\beta - [T_B T_A]_\beta \cdot [T_B T_A]_\beta$$

$$= [T_A T_B]_\beta^2 - 0 + 0 - [T_B T_A]_\beta^2$$

$$= [T_Q]_\beta$$

$\Rightarrow$  Incrementing  $n$  by 1 alternates  $[T_Q^n]_\beta$  between  $[T_Q]_\beta$  and  $[T_A \circ T_B + T_B \circ T_A]_\beta$

$$\text{when } n \text{ is odd: } [T_Q^n]_\beta = [T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1,1} \\ e_{1,2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ e_{2,1} \\ e_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{when } n \text{ is even } [T_Q^n]_\beta = [T_A \circ T_B + T_B \circ T_A]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} e_{1,1} \\ e_{1,2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ e_{2,1} \\ e_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{[(T_A \circ T_B - T_B \circ T_A)^n]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (-1)^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (-1)^n \end{pmatrix}}$$

**Problem 4. (25)**

Let  $V = M_{n,n}(\mathbf{R})$  be the vector space of  $n$  by  $n$  matrices with entries in the field  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T(X) = X - X^t$  for  $X \in V$ , where  $X^t$  is the transpose of  $X$ .

- (i) Find the null space  $N(T)$  and the range  $R(T)$ .
- (ii) Find a basis for  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  respectively. What are the nullity and rank of  $T$ ?
- (iii) What are the intersection  $N(T) \cap R(T)$  and the sum  $N(T) + R(T)$ ?

(i)  $(X - X^T)_{ij} = X_{ij} - X^T_{ij} = X_{ij} - X_{ji}$

$N(T) = \{ v \in V : v_{ij} = v_{ji} \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n \}$  or matrices where symmetric matrices

If  $i=j$ ,  $(X - X^T)_{ij} = X_{ii} - X_{ii} = 0 \Rightarrow$  0's along diagonal

$T(X)_{ij} = (X - X^T)_{ij} = X_{ij} - X_{ji} = -(X_{ji} - X_{ij}) = -(X - X^T)_{ji} = -T(X)_{ji} \Rightarrow$  skew symmetric

$R(T) = \{ v \in V : v_{ij} = -v_{ji} \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n \}$ , the space of all  $n \times n$  skew symmetric matrices, or matrices where  $X^T = -X$

(ii) basis of  $N(T)$ :  $\{ E_{ii} : 1 \leq i \leq n \} \cup \{ v \in V : v_{ij} = v_{ji} = 1 \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n \}$

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots \right\}$  contains duplicates

$\{ (E_{ij} + E_{ji}) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, i \leq j \leq n \}$  is basis of  $N(T)$

can be combined to:  
because doesn't matter if  
some on diagonal  
have magnitude 2

$1 \leq i \leq n \rightarrow n$   
 $i \leq j \leq n \rightarrow n, n-1, \dots, 1$  elements, per  $i$ , which averages to  $\frac{n+1}{2}$   
 $(n \text{ poss values of } i) \times \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \text{ values of } j \text{ for each } i$

# (basis of  $N(T)$ ) =  $\frac{n^2 + n}{2} = \text{nullity of } T$

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basis of  $R(T)$ : all elements of diagonal must be 0, and elements of basis should be matrices where  $m \in V$ ,  $m_{ij} = 1 = -m_{ji} = -1$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $j > i$  excludes elements on diagonal

basis of  $R(T) : \{ (E_{ij} - E_{ji}) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, i < j \leq n \}$

$1 \leq i \leq n$   $i < j \leq n \rightarrow n-1, n-2, \dots, 1, 0$  elements per  $i$ , which averages to  $\frac{n-1}{2}$

$(n \text{ values of } i) \times \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$

$\Rightarrow \text{rank of } T = \frac{n^2 - n}{2} = \#(\text{basis of } R(T))$

(iii)  $N(T) \cap R(T)$

$v_{ij} = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

$v_{ij} = v_{ji}$  for  $1 \leq j, i \leq n$

$v_{ij} = -v_{ji}$  for  $1 \leq j, i \leq n$

$v_{ij} = -v_{ij} \Rightarrow v_{ij} = 0$  for  $1 \leq j, i \leq n \Rightarrow N(T) \cap R(T) = \{0\}$

$N(T) + R(T)$

All  $E_{ij} \in N(T) + R(T)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$  because:

For  $i = j$ ,  $E_{ij} \in N(T)$  because  $v_{ij} = v_{ii} = v_{ji}$  for such matrices

For  $i \neq j$ ,  $E_{ij} = (E_{ij} + E_{ji} + E_{ij} - E_{ji})/2$ , and

$E_{ij} + E_{ji} \in N(T)$ ,  $E_{ij} - E_{ji} \in R(T)$ , so  $E_{ij}$  can be written as linear combination of elements in  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$ , so it is in  $N(T) + R(T)$ .

Because all elements of the standard basis of  $V$  are in  $N(T) + R(T) \Rightarrow N \subseteq N(T) + R(T)$

Because  $N(T) \subseteq V$  and  $R(T) \subseteq V$ , and  $V$  is a vector space so it is closed under addition, any  $n \in N(T) \subseteq V + r \in R(T) \subseteq R$  is still in  $V \Rightarrow N(T) + R(T) \subseteq V$

Thus,  $N(T) + R(T) = V$ .