

Homework # 2**Due: Tue. Sep. 23, 2008**

Directions: solve the following problems. You can work with others and discuss the problems, but each student must write his/her own, independent solution. If you are unsure about what i mean by this, please ask!

What to turn in? Sort the solutions of the assigned problems –by chapter and problem number, staple the pages together, and write your name, student ID, MATH396 and HW # 2 in the front page.

Chapter 2, pg. 68: 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Chapter 3, pg. 98: 1 - 4.

Additional Problems:

Problem 1. Let $V = \{(a_1, a_2) : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Define addition of elements of V coordinatewise (i.e., $(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$), and for $c \in \mathbb{R}$, define $c \cdot (a_1, a_2) = (a_1, 0)$. Is V a vector space under this operations? Justify your answer.

Problem 2. Let $V = \{(a_1, a_2) : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$. For (a_1, a_2) and $(b_1, b_2) \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, define

$$(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) = (a_1 + 2b_1, a_2 + 3b_2) \quad \text{and} \quad c \cdot (a_1, a_2) = (ca_1, ca_2).$$

Is V a vector space under this operations? Justify your answer.

Reading assignment: chapter 4.