

**Question 1.**<sup>1</sup> Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ . For  $(u_1, u_2), (v_1, v_2) \in V$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  define vector addition by  $(u_1, u_2) \boxplus (v_1, v_2) := (u_1 + v_1 + 2, u_2 + v_2 + 1)$  and scalar multiplication by  $a \boxminus (u_1, u_2) := (au_1 + 2a - 2, au_2 + a - 1)$ . It can be shown that  $(V, \boxplus, \boxminus)$  is a vector space over the scalar field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Find the following:

a. (1 mark)  $(3, 3) \boxplus (-9, -6)$

b. (1 mark)  $-6 \boxminus (3, 3)$

c. (2 marks)  $\underline{0}$

d. (2 marks) the additive inverse of  $(x, y)$

**Question 2.** (5 marks) In any vector space  $V$ , for any  $\vec{v} \in V$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  prove that if  $a\vec{v} = b\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{v} \neq 0$  then  $a = b$ . *Justify every step!!!*

**Question 3.** (3 marks) Prove that if the set of all points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  lying in a plane is a vector space with respect to the standard operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication then the plane passes through the origin.

**Question 4.** (2 marks) Determine whether the following is a vector space:  $V = \{A \mid A \in \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2} \text{ and } A^T = A\}$  with the following operations:

$$A + B = AB \text{ and } kA = kA$$

*That is, vector addition is matrix multiplication and scalar multiplication is the regular scalar multiplication. Justify.*

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<sup>1</sup>From WeBWorK.