

SECOND HOMEWORK  
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**Mathematics for Teachers I**

**MATH 3207**

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Due Date: End of Week 11.

**Instructions:** In each of the following questions, you need to show your complete, mathematically correct and neatly written solution. Your submitted work must be well-organized and stapled.

**Q1:** Give a complete and concise definition for each of the following: Basis, Linear Transformation, Linearly independent set of vectors, a function, a shear transformation.

**Q2:** Prove that a linear transformation on  $\mathbf{R}^2$  must take a line into a line or a point.

**Q3:** Draw any quadrilateral, then connect the midpoints of the drawn quadrilateral consecutively to obtain a new quadrilateral. Use vectors to show that the obtained quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

**Q4:** In how many ways can a committee of five people be chosen from seven men and four women so as to give the men a majority if at least one woman is included?

**Q5:** What is Pascal's identity, then prove it using a combinatorial argument?

**Q6:** Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$\binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n}{3} + \binom{n}{4} + \cdots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} = 0.$$

**Good Luck**