



Math Sciences R&D

Technology, Courses, Texts, and
Instructional Materials, etc.

Kentucky Partnership System

by K.K. Kubota

–Major software system

- Over half million lines of code

–Technical infrastructure for partnership development and support for activities such as:

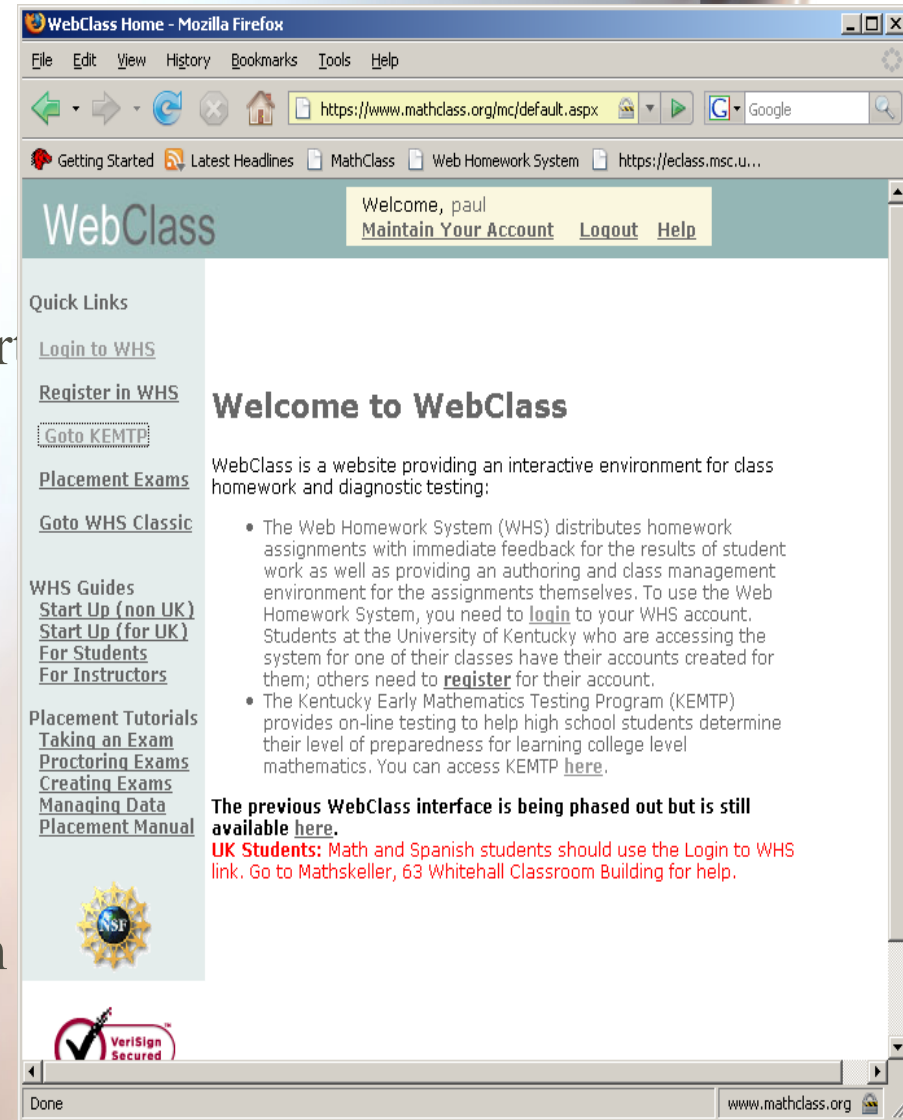
- Kentucky Early Mathematics Testing Program

–<http://www.mathclass.org> ->
GO TO KEMTP

- Kentucky Online Testing (KYOT)

–Statewide placement exam system

– <http://www.mathclass.org>
>Placement Exams



The screenshot shows the WebClass Home page in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The address bar displays the URL <https://www.mathclass.org/mc/default.aspx>. The page features a navigation menu with links for 'Getting Started', 'Latest Headlines', 'MathClass', 'Web Homework System', and 'https://eclass.msc.u...'. The main content area is titled 'WebClass' and includes a welcome message for 'paul' with links for 'Maintain Your Account', 'Logout', and 'Help'. A 'Quick Links' section on the left contains links for 'Login to WHS', 'Register in WHS', 'Goto KEMTP', 'Placement Exams', and 'Goto WHS Classic'. Below this, there are sections for 'WHS Guides' (with links for 'Start Up (non UK)', 'Start Up (for UK)', 'For Students', and 'For Instructors') and 'Placement Tutorials' (with links for 'Taking an Exam', 'Proctoring Exams', 'Creating Exams', 'Managing Data', and 'Placement Manual'). A 'Welcome to WebClass' section on the right provides an overview of the system and lists two bullet points: one about the Web Homework System (WHS) and another about the Kentucky Early Mathematics Testing Program (KEMTP). A note at the bottom of the page states: 'The previous WebClass interface is being phased out but is still available here. UK Students: Math and Spanish students should use the Login to WHS link. Go to Mathskeller, 63 Whitehall Classroom Building for help.' The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Done' and the URL 'www.mathclass.org'.

- Instructional Support (WHS)
 - Web homework for 5000 students
 - Mathematics, Spanish
 - <http://www.mathclass.org> ->Login to WHS
 - Distance learning in Mathematics
 - Access to Algebra professional development program for secondary math teachers
 - Alternative approaches to dual credit
 - Tools, methods for distributed, ongoing curriculum development and dissemination.

College Algebra by Avinash Sathaye

- A challenging college algebra text of 190 pages with additional, extensive web homework problems on WHS
- Developed with support from AMSP
- Text for Access to Algebra program
- Open source – a duplicated copy with cover typically costs about \$18.
- http://www.ms.uky.edu/~sohum/ma109_fa07/fa07_edition/ma109fa07.pdf

Introduction.

This book represents a significant departure from the current crop of commercial college algebra textbooks. In our view, the core material for the (non-remedial) courses defined by these tomes is but a shadow of that traditionally covered material in a reasonable high school program. Moreover, much of the material is substantially repeated from earlier study and it proceeds at a slow pace with extensive practice and a large number of routine exercises. As taught, such courses tend to be ill-advised attempts to prepare the student for extensive calculations using calculators, with supposed “real life” examples offered for motivation and practice. Given the limited time and large number of individual topics to study, the average student emerges perhaps, with the ability to answer isolated questions and the well-founded view that the rewards of the study of algebra (and of mathematics in general) lie solely in the experience of applying opaque formulas and mysterious algorithms in the production of quantitative answers.

As rational, intelligent individuals with many demands on their time, students

Precalculus with Geometry and Trigonometry (fall 2007) by Avinash Sathaye

- Extension of College Algebra Text to include geometry and trigonometry
- Used for precalculus at UK in fall 2007 to be revised and used in fall 2008
- Complete set of online homework in WHS format
- Freely available (pdf, 256 pages) at http://www.ms.uky.edu/~sohum/ma110/text/ma110_fa07.pdf

Precalculus with Geometry and Trigonometry

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This book may be freely downloaded for personal use from the author's web site
www.ms.uky.edu/~sohum/ma110_fa07/fa07_edition/ma110fa07.pdf.
Any commercial use must be preauthorized by the author.
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A course for Teachers of College Algebra

(summer 07) Avinash Sathaye

- A coordinate-free course on the material in Sathaye's College Algebra text for teachers
- Part of the teacher professional development program for Access to Algebra
- supplement to the student text
- Developed with support from AMSP

http://www.msc.uky.edu/sohum/ma502/ma502_sp07index.html

- Developed with AMSP support

numbers will be denoted by F when a name is needed.

We choose to think of a line as a linear expression $\lambda(ax + by + c)$ where λ is any non zero constant and the coefficients a, b, c are constants with least one of a, b non zero.

For those readers familiar with vector spaces, here is an explanation. We are working in the three dimensional vector space F^3 over F with basis x, y, z . If we change coordinates, we simply take another basis for the same vector space.

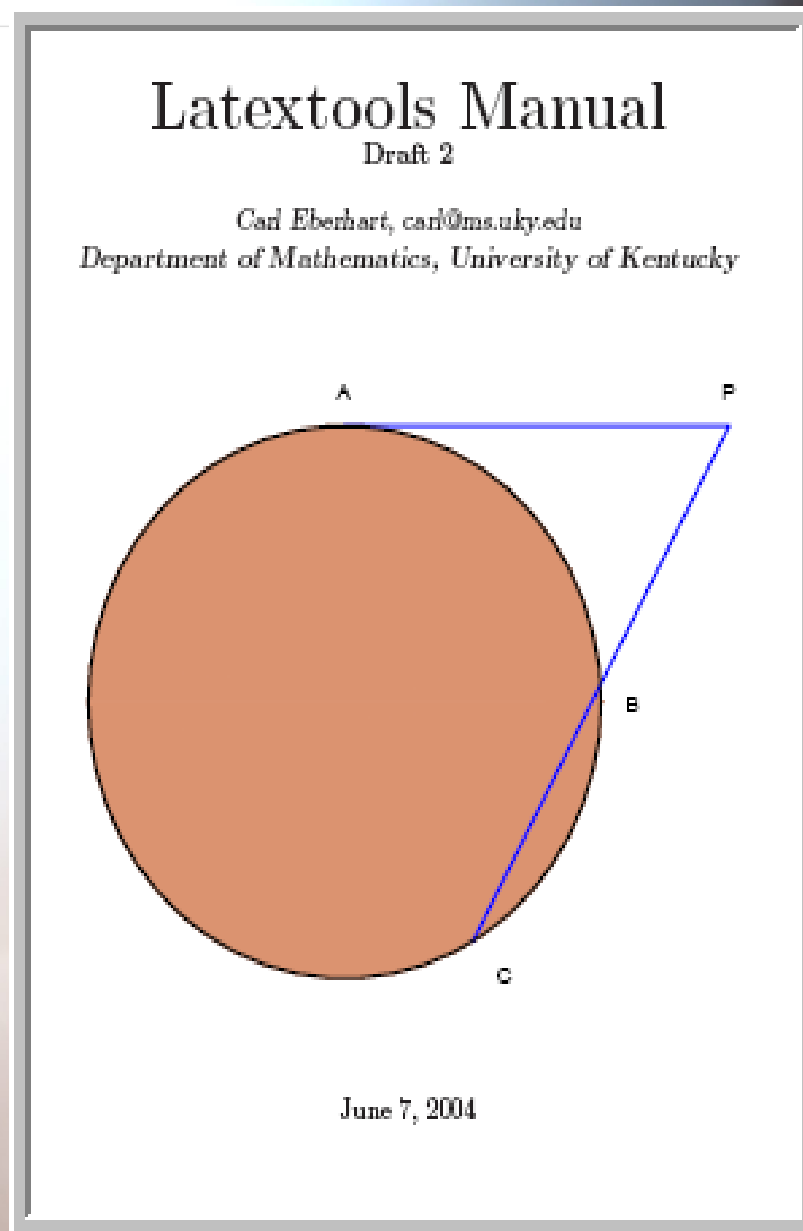
A line is then a one dimensional vector space different from the space generated by 1, which is $\{\lambda \mid \lambda \in F\}$. For convenience, the vector space generated by a set of vectors v_1, \dots, v_r shall be denoted as $\langle v_1, \dots, v_r \rangle$.

MCtools with Latextools by Carl Eberhart

- A large Maple macro package for the creation of multi-versioned, WHS format web-based problem sets and multi-versioned traditional examinations in LaTeX format
 - Developed with support from AMSP
 - Diagram creation tools
 - Problems can reference arbitrary sets of standards
 - Kentucky Core Content, Tennessee math instruction standards, and American Diploma Project standards are part of the package
 - Freely shared at http://www.msc.uky.edu/carl/communicating_math/MCtools_page.htm
 - Most recent version us 3/23/08

Latextools Manual by Carl Eberhart

- Manual for the Latextools package
- Html and pdf (29 pp)
- http://www.msc.uky.edu/carl/communicating_math/MCtools_page.htm
- Developed with AMSP support



Instructor's Guide to WHS (Spring 2008)

by Paul Eakin and Ken Kubota

- User guide to the WHS system
- Developed as Text for course for preservice math teachers being taught in Spring 2008
 - Problem development
 - Posting
 - Course management tools
 - testing./placement system
- 106 page pdf (April 17 draft)
- Freely available at https://www.mathclass.org/WebPages/Pages/167/notes_to_26March.pdf

Instructor's Guide to WHS

MA502-Spring 2008

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Algebra for Teachers 2005, 2006

by K.K. Kubota

- A course on the material at the foundation of the mathematics taught in secondary schools

- html/mathml format

- Freely available at

<http://www.msc.uky.edu/ken/ma501/text/>

<http://www.msc.uky.edu/ken/ma501f06/text/>



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Algebra for Teachers

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