

# 7) Linear transformations

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# 7.1) Linear transformations in two dimensions [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

## Worked example

Find matrices to represent these linear transformations.

$$\text{a) } T: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3y - x \\ 2x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } V: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x + 3y \end{pmatrix}$$

## Your turn

Find matrices to represent these linear transformations.

$$\text{a) } T: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2y + x \\ 3x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } V: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2y \\ 3x + y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

A rectangle  $R$  has vertices

$(2, 1)$ ,  $(4, 1)$ ,  $(4, 2)$  and  $(2, 2)$

Find the vertices of the image of  $R$  under the transformation given by the matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Sketch  $R$  and its image,  $R'$  on a coordinate grid.

## Your turn

A square has vertices

$(1,1)$ ,  $(3,1)$ ,  $(3,3)$  and  $(1,3)$

Find the vertices of the image of  $S$  under the transformation given by the matrix

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Sketch  $S$  and the image of  $S$  on a coordinate grid.

$(1,3)$ ,  $(-1,7)$ ,  $(3,9)$ ,  $(5,5)$

## Worked example

Determine if the point  $(2, 5)$  is invariant under the transformation given by the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Your turn

Determine if the point  $(4, 6)$  is invariant under the transformation given by the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

No

## Worked example

Determine whether  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  has any lines of invariant points

## Your turn

Determine whether  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 3 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix}$  has any lines of invariant points

$$y = 2x$$

## Worked example

Show that the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  has no invariant points other than the origin

## Your turn

Show that the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$  has no invariant points other than the origin

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4x - 3y = x \rightarrow y = x$$

$$2x - 5y = y \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{3}x$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3}x \rightarrow x = 0, y = 0$$

$\therefore (0, 0)$  is the only invariant point

## Worked example

Find the invariant lines of the transformation given by  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

## Your turn

Find the invariant lines of the transformation given by  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

$$y = \frac{5}{2}x + c$$

$$y = -x$$



## 7.2) Reflections and rotations

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## Worked example

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that represents:

- A reflection in the  $y$ -axis.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- A reflection in the line  $y = x$

## Your turn

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that represents:

- A reflection in the  $x$ -axis.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- A reflection in the line  $y = -x$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that represents:

- Rotation  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin
- Rotation  $180^\circ$  about the origin

## Your turn

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that represents:

- Rotation  $270^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that represents:

- Rotation  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Rotation  $180^\circ$  about the origin

## Your turn

Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix that represents:

- Rotation  $270^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

Describe fully the transformation

described by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

## Your turn

Describe fully the transformation

described by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

Rotation  $45^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin

## Worked example

For these transformations, state any invariant lines/points:

- reflection in the line  $y = -x$
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Rotation  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin

## Your turn

For these transformations, state any invariant lines/points:

- reflection in the line  $y = x$   
  
Invariant lines:  
 $y = x$   
Any straight line with gradient  $-1$  ( $y = -x + k$ )  
  
Invariant points:  
All points on those lines
  
  
- Rotation  $180^\circ$  about the origin  
  
Invariant lines:  
Any straight line through origin ( $y = mx$ )  
  
Invariant points:  
(0, 0)

## Worked example

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$U$  is the single geometrical transformation represented by the matrix  $P$ .

Given that  $U$  maps the point with coordinates  $(a, b)$  onto the point with coordinates  $(2a - 3, 1 - b)$ , find the values of  $a$  and  $b$

## Your turn

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$U$  is the single geometrical transformation represented by the matrix  $P$ .

Given that  $U$  maps the point with coordinates  $(a, b)$  onto the point with coordinates  $(3 + 2a, b + 1)$ , find the values of  $a$  and  $b$

$$a = -2, b = 1$$

## 7.3) Enlargements and stretches

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## Worked example

Describe the effect of the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Your turn

Describe the effect of the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Stretch parallel to  $x$ -axis, scale factor 2  
and

Stretch parallel to  $y$ -axis, scale factor 3  
(not an enlargement)

## Worked example

A triangle  $T$  has vertices  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 2)$ .

- Find the vertices of the image of  $T$  under the transformation given by the matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- Sketch  $T$  and its image,  $T'$  on a coordinate grid.
- Describe the geometric transformation.

## Your turn

A triangle  $T$  has vertices  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 2)$ .

- Find the vertices of the image of  $T$  under the transformation given by the matrix  $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- Sketch  $T$  and its image,  $T'$  on a coordinate grid.
- Describe the geometric transformation.

a)  $(3, 2)$ ,  $(3, 4)$  and  $(6, 4)$

b) Sketch

c) The triangle has been stretched by a scale factor of 3 parallel to the  $x$ -axis and by a scale factor of 2 parallel to the  $y$ -axis

## Worked example

Shape B is transformed to shape C by the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Given that the area of C is 72 square units, find the area of B

## Your turn

Shape R is transformed to shape S by the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Given that the area of S is 72 square units, find the area of R

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## 7.4) Successive transformations

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## Worked example

Represent as a single matrix the transformation representing a reflection in the line  $y = x$  followed by a stretch parallel to the  $x$ -axis by a factor of 4.

Represent as a single matrix the transformation representing a rotation  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about the point  $(0,0)$  followed by a reflection in the line  $x$ -axis.  
What single transformation is this?

## Your turn

Represent as a single matrix the transformation representing a reflection in the line  $y = -x$  followed by a stretch parallel to the  $y$ -axis by a factor of 3.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Represent as a single matrix the transformation representing a rotation  $270^\circ$  anticlockwise about the point  $(0,0)$  followed by a reflection in the line  $y$ -axis.  
What single transformation is this?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Reflection in the line  $y = -x$

## Worked example

The matrix  $R$  is given by  $R = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

- Find  $R^3$
- Describe the geometric transformation represented by  $R^3$
- Hence describe the geometric transformation represented by  $R$
- Write down  $R^{900}$

## Your turn

The matrix  $R$  is given by  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

- Find  $R^2$
- Describe the geometric transformation represented by  $R^2$
- Hence describe the geometric transformation represented by  $R$
- Write down  $R^8$

a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

b) Rotation  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about  $(0, 0)$

c) Rotation  $45^\circ$  anticlockwise about  $(0, 0)$

d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$

## 7.5) Linear transformations in three dimensions

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## Worked example

Find the matrix representing:

- reflection in the plane  $x = 0$

- reflection in the plane  $y = 0$

## Your turn

Find the matrix representing:

- reflection in the plane  $z = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Worked example

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Describe the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .  
(b) Find the image of the point with coordinates  $(-1, 2, 3)$  under the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .

## Your turn

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Describe the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .  
(b) Find the image of the point with coordinates  $(-1, 2, 3)$  under the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .

- (a) Reflection in the plane  $z = 0$   
(b)  $(-1, 2, -3)$

## Worked example

Find the matrix representing:

- Rotation, angle  $\theta$ , anticlockwise about the  $x$ -axis

- Rotation, angle  $\theta$ , anticlockwise about the  $y$ -axis

## Your turn

Find the matrix representing:

- Rotation, angle  $\theta$ , anticlockwise about the  $z$ -axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

Find the matrix representing:

- Rotation, angle  $90^\circ$ , anticlockwise about the  $x$ -axis

- Rotation, angle  $180^\circ$ , anticlockwise about the  $z$ -axis

## Your turn

Find the matrix representing:

- Rotation, angle  $270^\circ$ , anticlockwise about the  $y$ -axis

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Worked example

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Describe the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .  
(b) Find the image of the point with coordinates  $(-1, -2, 1)$  under the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .

## Your turn

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Describe the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .  
(b) Find the image of the point with coordinates  $(-1, -2, 1)$  under the transformation represented by  $\mathbf{M}$ .

(a) Rotation  $30^\circ$  anticlockwise about the  $y$ -axis

(b)  $\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2}, -2, \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

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## Worked example

The triangle  $T$  has vertices at  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

The matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  transforms  $T$  to the triangle  $T'$  with vertices at  $A'(3, 4)$ ,  $B'(10, 4)$  and  $C'(-3, -4)$ .

Determine the coordinates of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

## Your turn

The triangle  $T$  has vertices at  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . The matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  transforms  $T$  to the triangle  $T'$  with vertices at  $A'(4, 3)$ ,  $B'(4, 10)$  and  $C'(-4, -3)$ . Determine the coordinates of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

$A(1, 0)$   $B(2, 4)$   $C(-1, 0)$

## Worked example

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Find  $\det M$
- Describe fully the single geometrical transformation represented by  $A$
- The transformation represented by  $A$  followed by the transformation represented by  $B$  is equivalent to the transformation represented by  $M$ . Find  $B$

## Your turn

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Find  $\det M$
- Describe fully the single geometrical transformation represented by  $A$
- The transformation represented by  $A$  followed by the transformation represented by  $B$  is equivalent to the transformation represented by  $M$ . Find  $B$

a)  $-23$

b) Rotation  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about  $(0, 0)$

c)  $\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

## Worked example

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The point  $(a, b, c)$  is mapped onto  $(-3, -2, 1)$  under  $M$ . Find the values of  $a, b$  and  $c$

## Your turn

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The point  $(a, b, c)$  is mapped onto  $(3, 2, -1)$  under  $M$ . Find the values of  $a, b$  and  $c$

$$a = 10, b = -6, c = -7$$



## Worked example

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) Find  $R^{-1}$
- b) Explain this geometrically
- c) Find  $R^{7999}$
- d) Find  $R^{8000}$

## Your turn

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) Find  $R^{-1}$
- b) Explain this geometrically
- c) Find  $R^{8001}$
- d) Find  $R^{8002}$

a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

b) Reflection is self-inverse. The inverse of reflection in the line  $y = -x$  is reflection in the line  $y = -x$  again

c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$