

# Matrices and Transformation - Mathematics Form 4 Notes

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## [Introduction](#)

- A transformation change the shape, position or size of an object as discussed in book two.
- Pre - multiplication of any 2 x 1 column vector by a 2 x 2 matrix results in a 2 x 1 column vector

### **Example 1**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 17 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

If the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is thought of as a position vector that is to mean that it is representing the points with coordinates (7, -1 ) to the point (17, -9).

### **Note;**

- The transformation matrix has an effect on each point of the plan. Let's make T a transformation

matrix  $T \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Then T maps points (x, y) onto image points  $x^1, y^1$

$$\begin{aligned} T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ y^1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ y^1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3x+4y \\ -1x+2y \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## [Finding the Matrix of Transformation](#)

- The objective is to find the matrix of given transformation.

### **Example 2**

Find the matrix of transformation of triangle PQR with vertices P (1, 3) Q (3, 3) and R (2, 5). The vertices of the image of the triangles is  $P^1(1,-3)$  ,  $Q^1(3,-3)$  and  $R^1(2,-5)$ .

**Solution**

Let the matrix of the transformation be  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

Equating the corresponding elements and solving simultaneously

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P & Q & R \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P^1 & Q^1 & R^1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+3b & 3a+3b & 2a+5b \\ c+3d & 3c+3d & 2c+5d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a + 3b = 1$$

$$\underline{3a + 3b = 3}$$

$$2a = 2$$

$$a = 1 \text{ and } b = 0$$

$$c + 3d = -3$$

$$\underline{3c + 3d = -3}$$

$$2c = 0$$

$$c = 0 \text{ and } d = -1$$

Therefore the transformation matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

**Example 3**

A trapezium with vertices A (1 ,4) B(3,1 ) C (5,1 ) and D(7,4) is mapped onto a trapezium whose vertices are A<sup>1</sup>(-4,1) ,B<sup>1</sup>(-1 ,3) ,C<sup>1</sup>(-1,5) ,D<sup>1</sup>(-4 ,7).Describe the transformation and find its matrix

**Solution**

Let the matrix of the transformation be  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

Equating the corresponding elements we get;

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A^1 & B^1 & C^1 & D^1 \\ -4 & -1 & -1 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a + 4b = -4$$

$$c + 4d = 1$$

$$3a + b = -1$$

$$3c + d = 3$$

Solve the equations simultaneously

$$3a + 12b = -12$$

$$\underline{3a + b = -1}$$

$$11b = -11$$

$$\text{hence } b = -1 \text{ or } a = 0$$

$$3c + 12d = 3$$

$$\underline{3c + d = 3}$$

$$11d = 0$$

$$d = 0 \text{ c} = 1$$