

Exercise walk-through

Linear Transformations and Matrices ■ 4.12

eXercise

You must be able to

- apply a matrix to a vector by **matrix-vector multiplication** 矩阵向量乘法
- describe the geometric effect (scaling, identity)

Method — Linear transformations

A 2×2 matrix acts on a vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}.$$

This transforms the plane — scaling, rotation, or reflection.

Method — Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ — a scaling by 2.}$$

Practice 2.1 ■ 1 mark

State how a matrix acts on a vector.

Solution 2.1

Method: Linear transformations

Worked steps

by matrix-vector multiplication, giving $\begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$ **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 1 mark

Compute $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ B1.}$$

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Compute $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{M1} \quad \text{A1}.$$

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The identity matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ maps a vector to

A the zero vector

B itself

C its reverse

D twice itself

Solution 3.1

Method: Linear transformations

A the zero vector

B itself



C its reverse

D twice itself

Worked steps

B.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ applied to a vector gives a

- A** rotation
- B** scaling by 3
- C** reflection
- D** shift

Solution 3.2

Method: Linear transformations

A rotation

B scaling by 3



C reflection

D shift

Worked steps

B.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Compute $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (b) Compute $A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.
- (c) Describe the effect.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ B1. (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ B1. (c) it stretches the x -component by 2 and leaves y unchanged B1.