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# **Do It Yourself**

1. Construct a shape on the grid below by connecting points with lines.

It can be more complicated than a triangle, but shouldn't have more than around 5 or 6 sides.



2. Write a matrix with the position vectors of the corners as the columns. *There will be 2 rows, for the x and y coordinates, and one column for each corner.* 

3. Design a 2 by 2 transformation matrix.

This can be a combination of matrices you have already seen, or you can invent a new one.

4. Apply your transformation to the matrix of points to generate an output matrix. *This matrix will be the same size as your original matrix, with one column for each corner.* 

5. Plot the points described by your matrix columns and draw the new shape. For complicated transformations, label your points A, B, ... and then new points as A', B', etc.

6. Try to describe your transformation in terms of stretches, rotations and reflections. If you built your matrix by combining other transformation matrices, you should be able to see how your transformation is equivalent to applying each of the separate transformations.

7. Apply your transformation matrix to the general position vector  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  to find the image  $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$ . Use the following format:

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

# Solutions

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Identity$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Reflection in y - axis$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Reflection in x - axis$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Rotation by 180^{\circ}$$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Reflection in y = x$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Rotation by 90^{\circ} anticlockwise$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Rotation by 90^{\circ} clockwise$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Reflection in y = -x$$