

Matrices* to Know[†]

Name	Matrix	What It Does
I <i>identity</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	Nothing! A point transformed by the identity matrix does not change position.
Rot_{90°} <i>90° rotation</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is rotated by 90° anti-clockwise [‡] about the origin.
Rot_{180°} <i>180° rotation</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is rotated by 180° about the origin.
Rot_{270°} <i>270° rotation</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is rotated by 270° anti-clockwise about the origin.
Refl_{x=0} <i>reflection in the line $x = 0$</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is reflected in the y-axis (a.k.a. the line $x = 0$).
Refl_{y=0} <i>reflection in the line $y = 0$</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is reflected in the x-axis (a.k.a. the line $y = 0$).
Refl_{y=x} <i>reflection in the line $y = x$</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is reflected in the line given by the equation $y = x$.
Refl_{y=-x} <i>reflection in the line $y = -x$</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	The point is reflected in the line given by the equation $y = -x$.
S_k <i>enlargement</i>	$\begin{pmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{pmatrix}$	The point is enlarged by scale factor k , centred on the origin.

* For this qualification “matrix” means 2x2 matrix (or 2x1 matrix in the case of column vectors).

† Source: **AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics** specification version 1.4 November 2020, used by the exam board at time of writing (February 2022).

‡ Anti-clockwise is the convention most commonly used for this type of matrix, but you can think of ‘90° anti-clockwise’ as ‘270° clockwise’ if helpful at this stage.