



## Definition

An *operator* (or *linear operator*) is a *linear* transformation where the codomain is the domain. In other words, an operator is a linear transformation with a particular domain and codomain. Warning: some authors refer to linear transformations as operators. For us, and many other mathematicians, the word operator is reserved for the case in which the codomain is the domain.

## Notation

Suppose  $V$  is a vector space. We usually abbreviate the notation for the set of operators to  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  from  $\mathcal{L}(V, V)$ .



