

#### **Student Outcomes**

- Students verify that 3 × 3 matrices represent linear transformations from ℝ<sup>3</sup> → ℝ<sup>3</sup>. Students investigate the matrices associated with transformations such as dilations and reflections in a coordinate plane.
- Students explore properties of vector arithmetic, including the commutative, associative, and distributive properties.

#### Classwork

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#### **Opening Exercise (3 minutes)**

In the Opening Exercise, students are reminded of their work with  $2 \times 2$  matrices and prove that the matrix given represents a linear transformation.

Opening Exercise Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, and y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Does this represent a linear transformation? Explain how you know. A linear transformation satisfies the following conditions: L(x + y) = L(x) + L(y) and L(xx) = kL(x).  $A * (x + y) = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7(x_1 + y_1) - 2(x_2 + y_2) \\ 5(x_1 + y_1) - 3(x_2 + y_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7x_1 + 7y_1 - 2x_2 - 2y_2 \\ 5x_1 + 5y_1 - 3x_2 - 3y_2 \end{pmatrix}$   $A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7(x_1) - 2(x_2) \\ 5(x_1) - 3(x_2) \end{pmatrix}$   $A(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7(y_1) - 2(y_2) \\ 5(y_1) - 3(y_2) \end{pmatrix}$   $A(x) + A(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 7(x_1) - 2(x_2) \\ 5(x_1) - 3(x_2) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 7(y_1) - 2(y_2) \\ 5(y_1) - 3(y_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7(x_1) - 2(x_2) + 7(y_1) - 2(y_2) \\ 5(x_1) - 3(x_2) + 5(y_1) - 3(y_2) \end{pmatrix}$ A(x + y) = A(x) + A(y) by the distributive property.

Discussion: Linear Transformations  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$  (7 minutes)

In previous lessons, we have seen that  $2 \times 2$  matrices represent linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ . Do you think that a  $3 \times 3$  matrix would represent a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ ? Can you prove it?

• Let 
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 & -7 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -10 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$
, and let  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$  be points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Show that  $A(x+y) = Ax + Ay$ .  
•  $A \cdot (x+y) = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 & -7 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -10 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ x_3 + y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7(x_1 + y_1) - 2(x_2 + y_2) - 7(x_3 + y_3) \\ 5(x_1 + y_1) - 3(x_2 + y_2) - 6(x_3 + y_3) \\ -10(x_1 + y_1) - 6(x_2 + y_2) + 6(x_3 + y_3) \end{pmatrix}$ 

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$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 & -7 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -10 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 \\ 5x_1 - 3x_2 - 6x_3 \\ -10x_1 - 6x_2 + 6x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$Ay = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 & -7 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -10 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7y_1 - 2y_2 - 7y_3 \\ 5y_1 - 3y_2 - 6y_3 \\ -10y_1 - 6y_2 + 6y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$Ax + Ay = \begin{pmatrix} 7x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 + 7y_1 - 2y_2 - 7y_3 \\ 5x_1 - 3x_2 - 6x_3 + 5y_1 - 3y_2 - 6y_3 \\ -10x_1 - 6x_2 + 6x_3 + -10y_1 - 6y_2 + 6y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can see that  $A \cdot (x + y) = Ax + Ay$  by the distributive property.
- Now show that  $A(k \cdot x) = k \cdot Ax$ , where k represents a real number.

$$A(k \cdot x) = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 & -7 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -10 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} k \cdot x_1 \\ k \cdot x_2 \\ k \cdot x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7k \cdot x_1 - 2k \cdot x_2 - 7k \cdot x_3 \\ 5k \cdot x_1 - 3k \cdot x_2 - 6k \cdot x_3 \\ -10k \cdot x_1 - 6k \cdot x_2 + 6k \cdot x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$k \cdot Ax = k \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 & -7 \\ 5 & -3 & -6 \\ -10 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = k \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 7x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 \\ 5x_1 - 3x_2 - 6x_3 \\ -10x_1 - 6x_2 + 6x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7k \cdot x_1 - 2k \cdot x_2 - 7k \cdot x_3 \\ 5k \cdot x_1 - 3k \cdot x_2 - 6k \cdot x_3 \\ -10k \cdot x_1 - 6k \cdot x_2 + 6k \cdot x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We see that  $A(k \cdot x) = k \cdot Ax$ .
- Let's briefly take a closer look at the reasoning used here. What properties of arithmetic are involved in comparing, for example, 7 · (k · x<sub>1</sub>) with k · (7 · x<sub>1</sub>)? In other words, how exactly do we know these are the same number?
  - We can use the associative property and the commutative property to know these are the same number.
- Okay, now we've proved that the transformation A(x) does indeed represent a linear transformation, at least for this particular 3 × 3 matrix. We could use exactly the same reasoning to show that this is also true for any 3 × 3 matrix. In fact, mathematicians showed in the 1800s that every linear transformation from ℝ<sup>3</sup> → ℝ<sup>3</sup> can be represented by a 3 × 3 matrix! This is one reason why the theory of matrices is so powerful.

# Exploratory Challenge 1: The Geometry of 3D Matrix Transformations (10 minutes)

In this activity, students work in groups of four on each of the challenges below. The teacher should monitor the progress of the class as they work independently. For each challenge, the teacher should select a particular group to present their findings to the class at the conclusion of the activity. The teacher should allow approximately 7 minutes for students to work in their groups, and approximately 3 minutes for students to present their findings.

#### Scaffolding:

 For students still struggling with matrix multiplication, give them a matrix with blanks to complete, so they can see how many terms they should have in each row such as

$$\begin{pmatrix} --+-+--\\ -+-+-- \end{pmatrix}$$

Students would fill in the entry for each blank. For example,

$$\binom{1}{-5} \binom{3}{2}\binom{2}{-1} = \frac{1}{-5 \cdot 2} + \frac{3 \cdot -1}{2 \cdot 2} + \frac{2 \cdot -1}{2 \cdot 2} + \frac{2 \cdot -1}{2 \cdot 2}$$

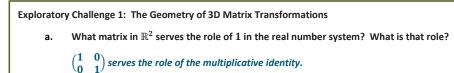
 Advanced learners can instead work with a general 3 × 3 matrix as linearity conditions are explored. The reasoning is exactly the same.







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Find a matrix A such that Ax = x for each point x in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Describe the geometric effect of this transformation. How might we call such a matrix?

$$We \ can \ choose \ A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 \\ 0 \cdot x_1 + 1 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 \\ 0 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 1 \cdot x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The name identity matrix makes sense since the output is identical to the input.

What matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  serves the role of 0 in the real number system? What is that role? b.

 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  serves the role of the additive identity.

Find a matrix A such that Ax = 0 for each point x in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Describe the geometric effect of this transformation.

This transformation takes every point in space and maps it to the origin. 0 0 0

What is the result of scalar multiplication in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? c.

Multiplying by a scalar, k, dilates each point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by a factor of k.

Find a matrix A such that the mapping  $x \mapsto Ax$  dilates each point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by a factor of 3.

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x_1 \\ 3x_2 \\ 3x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 Thus each point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is dilated by a factor of 3.

d. Given a complex number a + bi, what represents the transformation of that point across the real axis? The conjugate, a - bi.

Investigate the geometric effects of the transformation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Illustrate your findings with one

or more specific examples.

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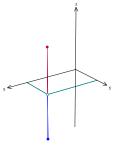
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• This transformation induces a reflection across the *xy*-plane.



#### Exploratory Challenge 2: Properties of Vector Arithmetic (18 minutes)

In this activity, students work in groups of four on one of the challenges below. The teacher should assign different challenges to different groups. When a group finishes one of the challenges, they may choose one of the other challenges to work on as time allows.

The teacher should monitor the progress of the class as they work independently. For each challenge, the teacher should select a particular group to present their findings to the class at the conclusion of the activity.

For each challenge, students should explore the question (a) from an algebraic point of view and (b) from a geometric point of view.

The teacher should allow approximately 10 minutes for students to work in their groups and organize their presentations. Allow approximately 9 minutes for students to present their findings.

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Exploratory Challenge 2: Properties of Vector Arithmetic

a. Is vector addition commutative? That is, does x + y = y + x for each pair of points in \mathbb{R}^2? What about

points in \mathbb{R}^3?

We want to show that x + y = y + x. First let's look at this problem algebraically.

When we compute x + y, we get \binom{x_1}{x_2} + \binom{y_1}{y_2} = \binom{x_1 + y_1}{x_2 + y_2}.

Now let's compute y + x. This time we get \binom{y_1}{y_2} + \binom{x_1}{x_2} = \binom{y_1 + x_1}{y_2 + x_2}.

The commutative property guarantees that the two components of these vectors are equal. For example,

x_1 + y_1 = y_1 + x_1. Since both components are equal, the vectors themselves must be equal. We can make a

similar argument to show that vector addition in \mathbb{R}^3 is commutative.

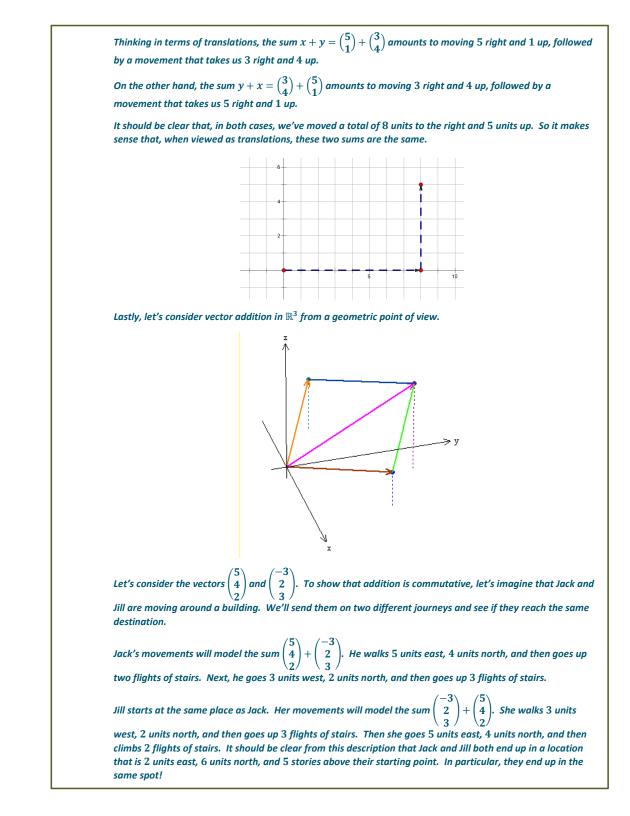
Next let's see what all of this means geometrically. Let's examine the points x = \binom{5}{1} and y = \binom{3}{4}.
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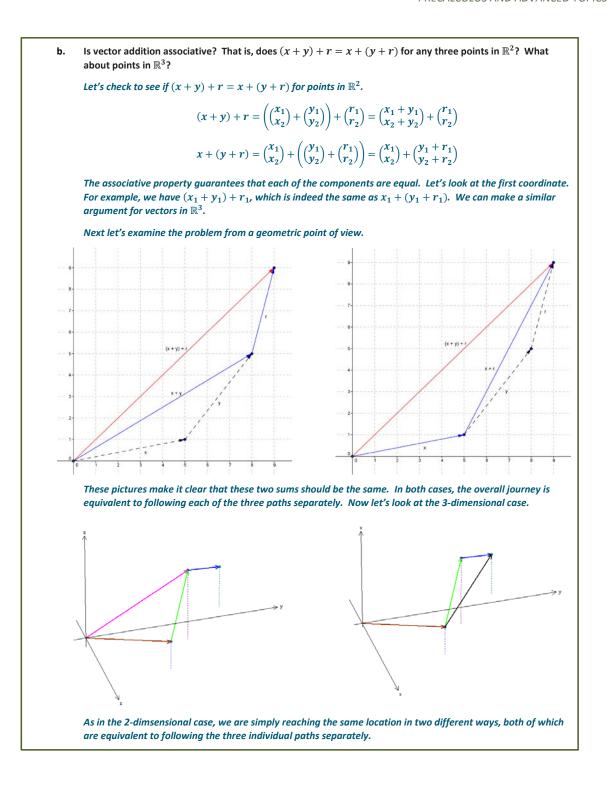
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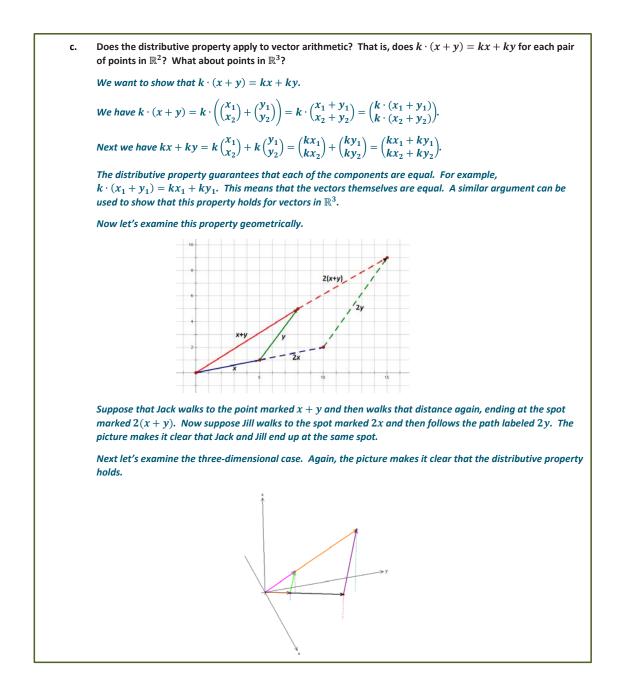
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d. Is there an identity element for vector addition? That is, can you find a point a in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that x + a = x for every point x in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? What about for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? We have  $x + a = {x_1 \choose x_2} + {a_1 \choose a_2} = {x_1 + a_1 \choose x_2 + a_2}.$ If this sum is equal to x, then we have  $\binom{x_1 + a_1}{x_2 + a_2} = \binom{x_1}{x_2}$ . This means that  $x_1 + a_1 = x_1$ , which implies that  $a_1 = 0$ . In the same way, we can show that  $a_2 = 0$ . Thus the identity element for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Similarly, the identity element for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let's think about this geometrically.  $\binom{2}{5} + \binom{0}{0}$  means to go to (2, 5) and translate by (0, 0). That is, we don't translate at all. Does each element in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have an additive inverse? That is, if you take a point a in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , can you find a second e. point *b* such that a + b = 0? We have  $a + b = {a_1 \choose a_2} + {b_1 \choose b_2} = {a_1 + b_1 \choose a_2 + b_2}$ . If this sum is equal to 0, then  ${a_1 + b_1 \choose a_2 + b_2} = {0 \choose 0}$ , which means that  $a_1 + b_1 = 0$ . We can conclude that  $b_1 = -a_1$ . Similarly,  $b_2 = -a_2$ . Thus the additive inverse of  $\binom{a_1}{b_1}$  is  $\binom{-a_1}{-b_1}$ . For instance, the additive inverse of  $\binom{3}{5}$  is  $\binom{-3}{-5}$ . Geometrically, we see that these vectors have the same length but point in opposite directions. Thus, their sum is (0,0). This makes sense because if Jack walks towards a spot that is 3 miles east and 5 miles north of the origin, and then walks towards the spot that is 3 miles west and 5 miles south of the origin, then he'll end up right back at the origin!





#### Closing (2 minutes)

Students should write a brief response to the following questions in their notebooks.

- How can we represent linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ ?
  - These transformations can be represented using  $3 \times 3$  matrices.
  - Which properties of real numbers are true for vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
    - Vector addition is commutative and associative. There is a 0 vector, and every vector has an additive inverse. Scalar multiplication distributes over vector addition.

#### Exit Ticket (5 minutes)





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### **Exit Ticket**

- 1. Given  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $y = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $z = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and k = -2.
  - a. Verify the associative property holds: x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z.

b. Verify the distributive property holds: k(x + y) = kx + ky.

- 2. Describe the geometric effect of the transformation on the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix given by the following matrices.
  - a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

	[-1	0	0]
b.	0	1	0 0 1
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c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

d. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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#### **Exit Ticket Sample Solutions**

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1. Given 
$$x = (\frac{1}{2}), y = (\frac{4}{2}), z = (\frac{3}{4}), and k = -2.$$
  
a. Verify the associative property holds:  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$ .  
 $x + (y + z) = (\frac{1}{2}) + (\binom{4}{2}) + \binom{3}{1}) = (\frac{1}{2}) + \binom{7}{3} = \binom{8}{5}$   
 $(x + y) + z = (\binom{1}{2}) + \binom{4}{2}) + \binom{3}{1} = \binom{5}{4} + \binom{3}{1} = \binom{8}{5}$   
b. Verify the distributive property holds:  $k(x + y) = kx + ky$ .  
 $k(x + y) = -2(\binom{1}{2}) + \binom{4}{2}) = -2\binom{5}{4} = \binom{-10}{-8}$   
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2. Describe the geometric effect of the transformation on the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix given by the following matrices.  
a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $It dilates the point by a factor of 2.$   
b.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $It reflects the point about the yz-plane.$   
c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $It reflects the point about the xz-plane.$   
d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $It reflects the point about the xy-plane.$ 



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#### **Problem Set Sample Solutions**

1. Show that the associative property, 
$$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$$
, holds for the following.  
a.  $x = \binom{3}{-2}, y = \binom{-4}{2}, z = \binom{-1}{5}$   
 $\binom{3}{-2} + \binom{-4}{2} + \binom{-1}{5} = \binom{3}{-2} + \binom{-5}{7} = \binom{-2}{5}$   
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b.  $x = \binom{2}{-2}, y = \binom{0}{5}, z = \binom{3}{0}, z = \binom{3}{0}, z = \binom{2}{-1}, z = \binom{3}{-1}, z = \binom{3}{-1}, z = \binom{2}{-1}, z = \binom{3}{-1}, z = \binom{2}{-1}, z = \binom{3}{-1}, z = \binom{2}{-1}, z = \binom{3}{-1}, z = \binom$ 

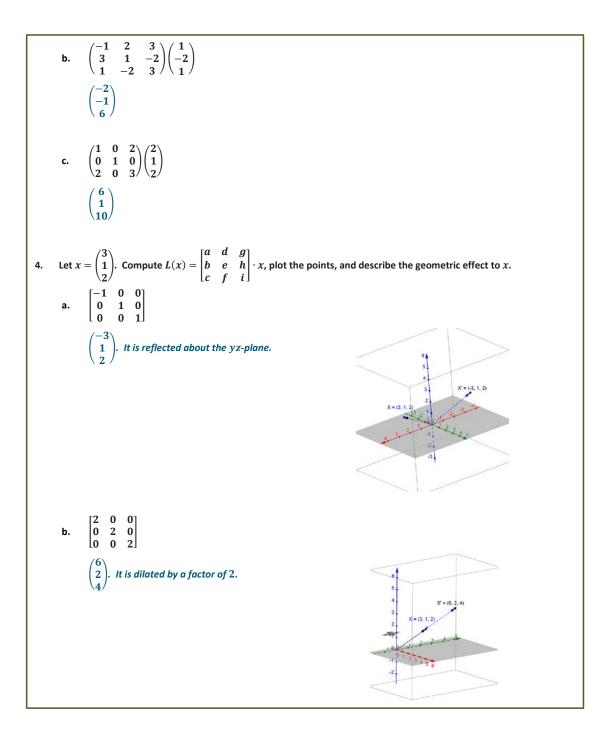
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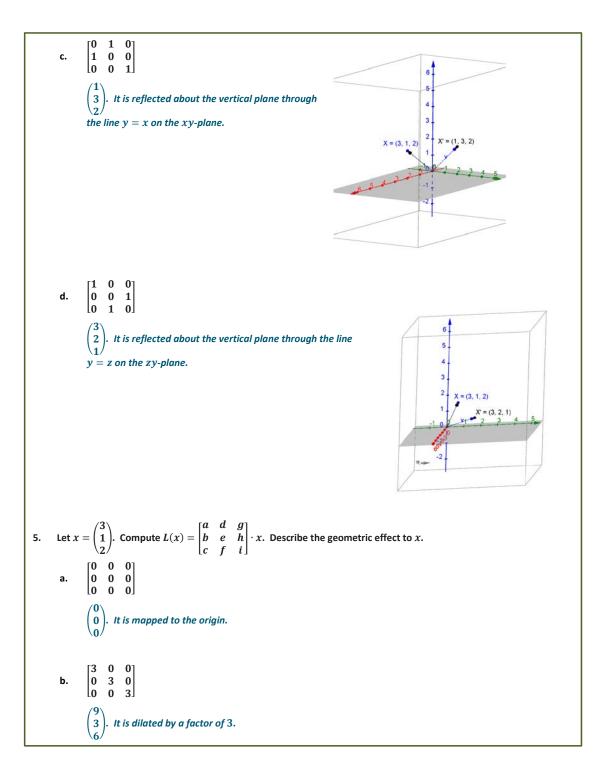






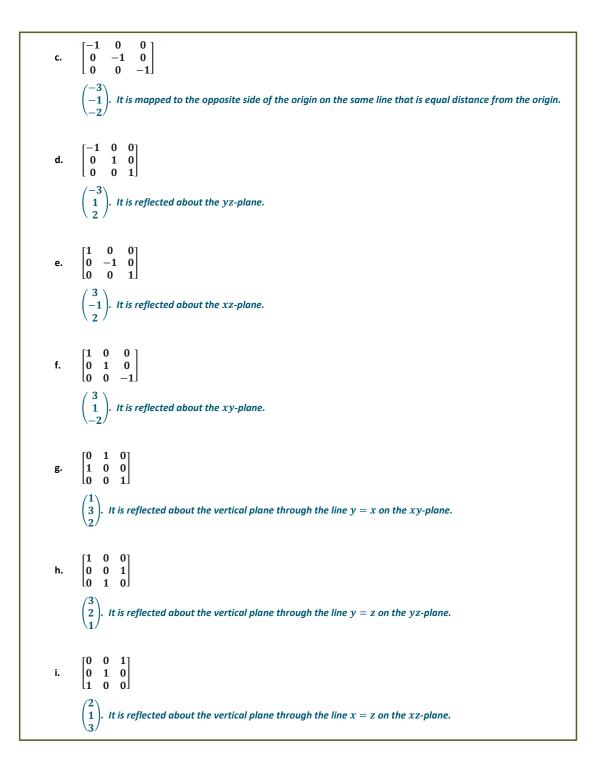








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