## AMMI - Introduction to Deep Learning

## 1.4. Tensor basics and linear regression

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A key specificity of PyTorch is the central role of autograd to compute derivatives of *anything!* We will come back to this.

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Reading a coefficient also generates a 0d tensor.

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>>> x = torch.tensor([[11., 12., 13.], [21., 22., 23.]])
>>> x[1, 2]
tensor(23.)
```

PyTorch provides operators for component-wise and vector/matrix operations.

And as in numpy, the : symbol defines a range of values for an index and allows to slice tensors.

PyTorch provides interfacing to standard linear operations, such as linear system solving or Eigen-decomposition.

Example: linear regression

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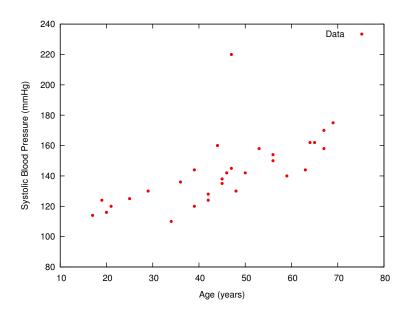
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Such a model would allow to predict the y associated to a new x, simply by calculating f(x; a, b).

## bash> cat systolic-blood-pressure-vs-age.dat 39 144 47 220 45 138 47 145 65 162



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import torch, numpy

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data = torch.tensor(numpy.loadtxt('systolic-blood-pressure-vs-age.dat'))
nb_samples = data.size(0)
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x, y = torch.empty(nb_samples, 2), torch.empty(nb_samples, 1)
x[:, 0] = data[:, 0]
x[:, 1] = 1
y[:, 0] = data[:, 1]
alpha, _ = torch.gels(y, x)
a, b = alpha[0, 0].item(), alpha[1, 0].item()
```

