

# INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE

## LESSON 2: LINEAR ALGEBRA

**WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE  
DATA EXPLORATION AND WORKFLOW  
PYTHON DATA STRUCTURES**

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# I. LINEAR ALGEBRA REVIEW

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**Linear algebra is best defined as mathematics in the multidimensional space and the mapping between said spaces.**

$$y = mx + b$$

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$$A_{21} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

Vectors are a special kind of matrix, as they only consist of one dimension of real numbers.

These look most like a numeric array (or **list**) in Python.

$$[1 \ 3 \ 9 \ 2]$$

Likewise, you can refer to each index or value similarly (a[0] in Python is the same entity as 0 in vector a)

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**Rule 2!**

Matrices can be multiplied by a scalar (single entity) value.  
Each value in the matrix is multiplied by the scalar value.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * 3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 9 & 27 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Rule 3!**

Matrices and vectors can be multiplied together given that the matrix columns are as wide as the vector is long.

The result will always be a vector.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 9 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} 2+6+54+10 \\ 4+8+36+40 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 72 \\ 88 \end{array}$$

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We will see matrices quite often in **all** of our data, so pay careful attention to how data is structured and how different algorithms interact with them