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# Basics of Neural Network Programming

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A note on python/  
numpy vectors

# Python Demo

# Python / numpy vectors

```
import numpy as np
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```
a = np.random.randn(5)
```

→ produces a gaussian/normally distributed sample

→  $a.shape = (5,)$   
↳ "rank 1 Array" → [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Don't use  
Because trying to do  $np.dot(a.T, a)$   
gives a single number ( $\sum$  of squares)  
 $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + 5^2$

```
a = np.random.randn(5, 1)
```

→  $\begin{bmatrix} 1, \\ 2, \\ 3, \\ 4, \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  → which is a  $5 \times 1$  matrix

```
a = np.random.randn(1, 5)
```

```
assert(a.shape == (5, 1))
```

Good practice