

# 2\_Arrays\_and\_matrices

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A brief introduction to working with arrays of numbers in Python.  
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## 1 Lists and Numpy arrays

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In [1]: # Python has built-in 'lists':  
x = [1, 2, 3]
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In [2]: x
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Out[2]: [1, 2, 3]
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In [3]: # But they don't work as you would expect  
x*2
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Out[3]: [1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]
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In [4]: # And most vector-operations fail  
x*2.3
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
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<ipython-input-4-c4e56f154bc0> in <module>()  
    1 # And most vector-operations fail  
----> 2 x*2.3
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TypeError: can't multiply sequence by non-int of type 'float'
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In [3]: # Numpy: The module for scientific computing with python  
import numpy as np
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In [22]: x = np.array([1,2,3])
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