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# Introduction

Linear Algebra is an important topic to understand, a lot of deep learning algorithms use it, so this chapter will teach the topics needed to understand what will come next.

## Scalars, Vectors and Matrices

- **Scalars:** A single number
- **Vector:** A 1D array of numbers, where each element is identified by an single index
- **Matrix:** A 2D array of numbers, below we have a (2-row)X(3-col) matrix. In matrices a single element is identified by two indexes instead of one.

Scalar

24

Vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

row

or  
column
$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -4 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 24 \\ 1 & -9 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

row(s) × column(s)

Dimensions

Example

Terminology

1

0	1	2
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Vector

2

0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

Matrix

3

0	1	2
3	4	5
6	7	8

3D Array  
(3<sup>rd</sup> order Tensor)