



INTRO To DATA SCIENCE

LESSON 3: LINEAR ALGEBRA

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

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VECTORS

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.

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

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

HANDLING

Rule 1!

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 72 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 55 & 3 & 10 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

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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.

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 72 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * 2 = ?$$

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What shape will the result take?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \quad ?$$

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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