



The QuantEcon MATLAB-Python-Julia Cheat Sheet

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This document summarizes commonly-used, equivalent commands across MATLAB, Python, and Julia.

CREATING VECTORS

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Create a row vector	<code>A = [1 2 3]</code>	<code>A = np.array([1, 2, 3])</code>	<code>A = [1 2 3]</code>
Create a column vector	<code>A = [1; 2; 3]</code>	<code>A = np.array([1, 2, 3]).reshape(3, 1)</code>	<code>A = reshape(3, 1)</code>
Sequence starting at j ending at n, with difference k between points	<code>A = j:k:n</code>	<code>A = np.arange(j, n+1, k)</code>	<code>A = j:k:n</code>
Linearly spaced vector of k points	<code>A = linspace(1, 5, k)</code>	<code>A = np.linspace(1, 5, k)</code>	<code>A = linspace(1, 5, k)</code>

CREATING MATRICES

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Create a matrix	<code>A = [1 2; 3 4]</code>	<code>A = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4]])</code>	<code>A = [1 2; 3 4]</code>
Create a 2 by 2 matrix of zeros	<code>A = zeros(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = np.zeros((2, 2))</code>	<code>A = zeros(2, 2)</code>
Create a 2 by 2 matrix of ones	<code>A = ones(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = np.ones((2, 2))</code>	<code>A = ones(2, 2)</code>
Create a 2 by 2 identity matrix	<code>A = eye(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = np.eye(2)</code>	<code>A = eye(2, 2)</code>
Create a diagonal matrix	<code>A = diag([1 2 3])</code>	<code>A = np.diag([1, 2, 3])</code>	<code>A = diagm([1; 2; 3])</code>
Matrix of uniformly distributed random numbers	<code>A = rand(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = np.random.rand(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = rand(2, 2)</code>
Matrix of random numbers drawn a standard normal	<code>A = randn(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = np.random.randn(2, 2)</code>	<code>A = randn(2, 2)</code>

MANIPULATING VECTORS AND MATRICES

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Transpose	<code>A'</code>	<code>A.T</code>	<code>A'</code>
Concatenate horizontally	<code>A = [[1 2] [1 2]]</code> or <code>A = horzcat([1 2], [1 2])</code>	<code>B = np.array([1, 2])</code> <code>A = np.hstack((B, B))</code>	<code>A = [[1 2] [1 2]]</code> or <code>A = hcat([1 2], [1 2])</code>
Concatenate vertically	<code>A = [[1 2]; [1 2]]</code> or <code>A = vertcat([1 2], [1 2])</code>	<code>B = np.array([1, 2])</code> <code>A = np.vstack((B, B))</code>	<code>A = [[1 2]; [1 2]]</code> or <code>A = vcat([1 2], [1 2])</code>
Reshape (to 5 rows, 2 columns)	<code>A = reshape(1:10, 5, 2)</code>	<code>A = A.reshape(5, 2)</code>	<code>A = reshape(1:10, 5, 2)</code>
Convert matrix to vector	<code>A(:)</code>	<code>A = A.flatten()</code>	<code>A[:]</code>
Flip left/right	<code>fliplr(A)</code>	<code>np.fliplr(A)</code>	<code>flipdim(A, 2)</code>
Flip up/down	<code>flipud(A)</code>	<code>np.flipud(A)</code>	<code>flipdim(A, 1)</code>
Repeat matrix (3 times in the row dimension, 4 times in the column dimension)	<code>repmat(A, 3, 4)</code>	<code>np.tile(A, (4, 3))</code>	<code>repmat(A, 3, 4)</code>

ACCESSING VECTOR/MATRIX ELEMENTS

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Access one element	<code>A(2, 2)</code>	<code>A[2, 2]</code>	<code>A[2, 2]</code>
Access specific rows	<code>A(1:4, :)</code>	<code>A[0:4, :]</code>	<code>A[1:4, :]</code>
Access specific columns	<code>A(:, 1:4)</code>	<code>A[:, 0:4]</code>	<code>A[:, 1:4]</code>
Remove a row	<code>A([1 2 4], :)</code>	<code>A[[0, 1, 3], :]</code>	<code>A[[1, 2, 4], :]</code>
Diagonals of matrix	<code>diag(A)</code>	<code>np.diag(A)</code>	<code>diag(A)</code>
Get dimensions of matrix	<code>[nrow ncol] = size(A)</code>	<code>nrow, ncol = np.shape(A)</code>	<code>nrow, ncol = size(A)</code>

MATHEMATICAL OPERATIONS

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Vector dot product	<code>dot(A, B)</code>	<code>np.dot(A, B)</code> or <code>A@B</code>	<code>dot(A, B)</code>
Matrix multiplication	<code>A*B</code>	<code>np.dot(A, B)</code> or <code>A@B</code>	<code>A*B</code>
Element-wise matrix multiplication	<code>A.*B</code>	<code>A*B</code>	<code>A.*B</code>
Matrix to a power	<code>A^2</code>	<code>np.linalg.matrix_power(A, 2)</code>	<code>A^2</code>
Matrix to a power, element-wise	<code>A.^2</code>	<code>A**2</code>	<code>A.^2</code>
Inverse of a matrix	<code>inv(A)</code> or <code>A^(-1)</code>	<code>np.linalg.inv(A)</code>	<code>inv(A)</code> or <code>A^(-1)</code>
Determinant of a matrix	<code>det(A)</code>	<code>np.linalg.det(A)</code>	<code>det(A)</code>
Eigenvalues and eigenvectors	<code>[vec, val] = eig(A)</code>	<code>val, vec = np.linalg.eig(A)</code>	<code>val, vec = eig(A)</code>
Euclidean norm	<code>norm(A)</code>	<code>np.linalg.norm(A)</code>	<code>norm(A)</code>
Solve linear system $Ax = b$	<code>A\b</code>	<code>np.linalg.solve(a, b)</code>	<code>A\b</code>

SUM/MAXIMUM/MINIMUM

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Sum/maximum/minimum of each column	<code>sum(A, 1)</code> <code>max(A, [], 1)</code> <code>min(A, [], 1)</code>	<code>sum(A, 0)</code> <code>np.amax(A, 0)</code> <code>np.amin(A, 0)</code>	<code>sum(A, 1)</code> <code>maximum(A, 1)</code> <code>minimum(A, 1)</code>
Sum/maximum/minimum of each row	<code>sum(A, 2)</code> <code>max(A, [], 2)</code> <code>min(A, [], 2)</code>	<code>sum(A, 1)</code> <code>np.amax(A, 1)</code> <code>np.amin(A, 1)</code>	<code>sum(A, 2)</code> <code>maximum(A, 2)</code> <code>minimum(A, 2)</code>
Sum/maximum/minimum of entire matrix	<code>sum(A(:))</code> <code>max(A(:))</code> <code>min(A(:))</code>	<code>np.sum(A)</code> <code>np.amax(A)</code> <code>np.amin(A)</code>	<code>sum(A)</code> <code>maximum(A)</code> <code>minimum(A)</code>
Cumulative sum/maximum/minimum by row	<code>cumsum(A, 1)</code> <code>cummax(A, 1)</code> <code>cummin(A, 1)</code>	<code>np.cumsum(A, 0)</code> <code>np.maximum.accumulate(A, 0)</code> <code>np.minimum.accumulate(A, 0)</code>	<code>cumsum(A, 1)</code> <code>np.maximum.accumulate(A, 1)</code> <code>np.minimum.accumulate(A, 1)</code>
Cumulative sum/maximum/minimum by column	<code>cumsum(A, 2)</code> <code>cummax(A, 2)</code> <code>cummin(A, 2)</code>	<code>np.cumsum(A, 1)</code> <code>np.maximum.accumulate(A, 1)</code> <code>np.minimum.accumulate(A, 1)</code>	<code>cumsum(A, 2)</code> <code>np.maximum.accumulate(A, 2)</code> <code>np.minimum.accumulate(A, 2)</code>

PROGRAMMING

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Comment one line	<code>% This is a comment</code>	<code># This is a comment</code>	<code># This is a comment</code>
Comment block	<code>%{ Comment block %}</code>	<code># Block # comment # following PEP8</code>	<code>#= Comment block =#</code>
For loop	<code>for i = 1:N % do something end</code>	<code>for i in range(n): # do something</code>	<code>for i = 1:N # do something end</code>
While loop	<code>while i <= N % do something end</code>	<code>while i <= N: # do something</code>	<code>while i <= N # do something end</code>
If statement	<code>if i <= N % do something end</code>	<code>if i <= N: # do something</code>	<code>if i <= N # do something end</code>
If/else statement	<code>if i <= N % do something else % do something else end</code>	<code>if i <= N: # do something else: # so something else</code>	<code>if i <= N # do something else # do something else end</code>
Print text and variable to screen	<code>x = 10 fprintf('The value of x is %d. \n', x)</code>	<code>x = 10 print('The value of x is {}'.format(x))</code>	<code>x = 10 println("The value of x is \$(x).")</code>
Function: one line/ anonymous	<code>fun = @(x) x^2</code>	<code>fun = lambda x: x**2</code>	<code>fun(x) = x^2</code>
Function: multiple lines	<code>function out = fun(x) out = x^2 end</code>	<code>def fun(x): return x**2</code>	<code>function fun(x) return x^2 end</code>