The QuantEcon MATLAB-Python-Julia Cheat Sheet

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

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ONE

CREATING VECTORS

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

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TWO

CREATING MATRICES

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

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THREE

MANIPULATING VECTORS AND MATRICES

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Transpose	`A'`		`A'`

Concatenate horizontally	`A = [[1 2] [1 2]]`
	or
	`A = horzcat([1 2], [1 2])`
			`A = [[1 2] [1 2]]`
			or
			`A = hcat([1 2], [1 2])`

Concatenate vertically	`A = [[1 2]; [1 2]]`
	or
	`A = vertcat([1 2], [1 2])`
			`A = [[1 2]; [1 2]]`
			or
			`A = vcat([1 2], [1 2])`

Reshape (to 5 rows, 2 columns)	`A = reshape(1:10, 5, 2)`		`A = reshape(1:10, 5, 2)`
Convert matrix to vector	`A(:)`		`A[:]`
Flip left/right	`fliplr(A)`		`flipdim(A, 2)`
Flip up/down	`flipud(A)`		`flipdim(A, 1)`
Repeat matrix (3 times in the row dimension, 4 times in the column dimension)	`repmat(A, 3, 4)`		`repmat(A, 3, 4)`

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ACCESSING VECTOR/MATRIX ELEMENTS

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Access one element	`A(2, 2)`		`A[2, 2]`
Access specific rows	`A(1:4, :)`		`A[1:4, :]`
Access specific columns	`A(:, 1:4)`		`A[:, 1:4]`
Remove a row	`A([1 2 4], :)`		`A[[1, 2, 4], :]`
Diagonals of matrix	`diag(A)`		`diag(A)`
Get dimensions of matrix	`[nrow ncol] = size(A)`		`nrow, ncol = size(A)`

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FIVE

MATHEMATICAL OPERATIONS

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

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SIX

SUM/MAXIMUM/MINIMUM

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia

Sum/maximum/minimum of each column	`sum(A, 1)`
	`max(A, [], 1)`
	`min(A, [], 1)`
			`sum(A, 1)`
			`maximum(A, 1)`
			`minimum(A, 1)`

Sum/maximum/minimum of each row	`sum(A, 2)`
	`max(A, [], 2)`
	`min(A, [], 2)`
			`sum(A, 2)`
			`maximum(A, 2)`
			`minimum(A, 2)`

Sum/maximum/minimum of entire matrix	`sum(A(:))`
	`max(A(:))`
	`min(A(:))`
			`sum(A)`
			`maximum(A)`
			`minimum(A)`

Cumulative sum/maximum/minimum by row	`cumsum(A, 1)`
	`cummax(A, 1)`
	`cummin(A, 1)`
			`cumsum(A, 1)`
			`cummax(A, 1)`
			`cummin(A, 1)`

Cumulative sum/maximum/minimum by column	`cumsum(A, 2)`
	`cummax(A, 2)`
	`cummin(A, 2)`
			`cumsum(A, 2)`
			`cummax(A, 2)`
			`cummin(A, 2)`

CHAPTER

SEVEN

PROGRAMMING

Operation	MATLAB	Python	Julia
Comment one line	`% This is a comment`		`# This is a comment`

Comment block	`%{`
	`Comment block`
	`%}`
			`#=`
			`Comment block`
			`=#`

For loop	`for i = 1:N`
	`  % do something`
	`end`
			`for i = 1:N`
			`  # do something`
			`end`

While loop	`while i <= N`
	`  % do something`
	`end`
			`while i <= N`
			`  # do something`
			`end`

If statement	`if i <= N`
	`  % do something`
	`end`
			`if i <= N`
			`  # do something`
			`end`

If/else statement	`if i <= N`
	`  % do something`
	`else`
	`  % do something else`
	`end`
			`if i <= N`
			`  # do something`
			`else`
			`  # do something else`
			`end`

Print text and variable to screen	`x = 10` `fprintf('The value of x is %d. \n', x)`		`x = 10` `println("The value of x is $(x).")`
Function: one line/ anonymous	`fun = @(x) x^2`		`fun(x) = x^2`

Function: multiple lines	`function out = fun(x)`
	`  out = x^2`
	`end`
			`function fun(x)`
			`  return x^2`
			`end`