Matrix manipulation in Matlab and Mathematica

Symbol definitions:
`i, j, k, l, m, n`: integers.
`A`: $n \times m$ matrix. (e.g. Matlab: $A = [1, 2, 3; 4, 5, 6]$, Mathematica: $A = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 6\}\}$)
`b`: $n \times 1$ matrix (column vector). (e.g. Matlab: $b = [1; -2; 3]$, Mathematica: $b = \{1, -2, 3\}$)
`r`: $1 \times n$ matrix (row vector). (e.g. Matlab: $r = [1, 2, -3]$, Mathematica: $r = \{1, 2, -3\}$ (Mathematica automatically treat it as column or row vector, the one which is sensible))
`ids`: vector contains indexs. (e.g. Matlab: ids $= [3, 1, 2]$, Mathematica: ids $= \{3, 1, 2\}$)
`bools`: boolean vector. (e.g. Matlab: *bools* $= [$`false`, `true`, `true`$]$, Mathematica: *bools* $= \{$`False`, `True`, `True`$\}$)
Matlab use Column-major order. Mathematica use Row-major order.

Matlab	Mathematica
`A(i, j)`	`A[[i, j]]`
`A(end-i+1, k)`	`A[[-i, k]]`
`A(i:j, k)`	`A[[i;;j, k]]`
`A(i:1:j, k)`	`A[[i;;j;;1, k]]`
`b(1:i)`	`b[[;;i]]`
`b(end-i+1:end)`	`b[[-i;;]]`
`A(:, k)`	`A[[;;, k]]`
`A(j, :)`	`A[[j]]`
`A(id, k)`	`A[[id, k]]`
`A(i)`	`??`
`A(:)`	`Flatten[Transpose[A]]`

Matlab	Mathematica
`b(bools)`	`Pick[b, bools]`
`find(b==1)`	`Position[b, 1]`
`b>0`	`#>0&/@b, Map[#>0&, b]`
`A>0`	`Map[#>0&, A, {2}]`
`1*(b>0)`	`1-UnitStep[-b]`
`b(b==1)`	`Select[b, #==1&]`
`r(b>0)`	`Pick[r, #>0&/@b]`
`fliplr(r)`	`Reverse[r]`
`A.'`	`Transpose[A]`
`permute(arr, ids)`	`Transpose[arr, ids]`
`sin(A)`	`Sin[A]`

Table 1: Elementary operations

Note: In Mathematica, Indexing operation can be performed by `Part[]`. e.g. `A[[i, j]] == Part[A, i, j]`, special case is `b[[i;;j;;1]]==Part[b,i;;j;;1]==Take[b, {i,j,1}]`. ";;" is called `Span`.

Matlab	(*index*)	`i`	`end-i+1`	`i:j`	`i:di:j`	`1:j`	`end-j+1:end`	`:`	`ids`	`bools`
Mathematica(Part[])	[[*index*]]	`i`	`-i`	`i;;j`	`i;;j;;di`	`;;j`	`-j;;`	`;;`	`ids`	`??`
Mathematica(function)		`{i}`	`{-i}`	`{i,j}`	`{i,j,di}`	`j`	`-j`	`All`	`??`	`??`
Python (numpy.array)	[*index*]	`i-1`	`-i`	`i-1:j`	`i-1:j:di`	`:j`	`-j:`	`:`	`ids`	`bools`

Table 2: Summary: Indexing of vector (Indexing of one dimension of an array)

MATLAB	MATHEMATICA
1:n	Range[n]
m:k:n	Range[m, n, k]
zeros(m,n)	ConstantArray[0, {m,n}]
ones(m,n)	ConstantArray[1, {m,n}]
eye(n)	IdentityMatrix[n]
rand(m,n)	RandomReal[1, {m,n}]
f(1:n)	Table[f[i], {i,n}]
A(:)	Flatten[Transpose[A]]
reshape(v, d1, d2)	Partition[v, {d1,d2}]

MATLAB	MATHEMATICA
[v, x]	Append[v, x]
[x, v]	Prepend[v, x]
[v1, v2]	Join[v1, v2]
[v(1:k-1), x, v(k:end)]	Insert[v, x, k]
v(1:k) = []	Drop[v, k]
v(j:k) = []	Drop[v, {j, k}]
['abc','def']	''abc''<>''def''

Table 3: Constructing/destructing a matrix

Note: strictly speaking, `reshape(v,d1,d2)` correspond to `Transpose[Partition[v, {d1,d2}]]`.

MATLAB	MATHEMATICA
A+B	A+B
A*B	A.B
A.*B	A*B
A^n	MatrixPower[A,n]
A.^n	A^n
A'	ConjugateTranspose[A]
A.'	Transpose[A]
conj(A)	Conjugate[A]
b*r	KroneckerProduct[b,r]
r*b	r.b, b.r
diag(A)	Diagonal[A]
diag(b)	DiagonalMatrix[b]

MATLAB	MATHEMATICA
tr(A)	Tr(A)
det(A)	Det[A]
A \ b	LinearSolve[A,b]
??	LinearSolve[A]
inv(A)	Inverse(A)
eig(A)	Eigenvalues[A]
[vecs,vals]=eig(A)	{vals,vecs}=Eigensystem[A]
svd(A)	SingularValueList[A]
[s,v,d]=svd(A)	{s,v,d}=SingularValueDecomposition[A]
null(A)	NullSpace[A]

Table 4: Common algebra operations

Matlab	Mathematica
tic; toc;	AbsoluteTiming[]

Matlab	Mathematica
arrayfun	Thread

Table 5: Other useful functions

1 Common Operation Examples

Save matrix A to plain text file "abc.txt", with full precision, in tab-delimited format

Matlab

```
save('abc.txt', 'A', '-ascii', '-double'. '-tabs');
```

Mathematica

```
Export["abc.txt", A, "Table"];
```

Note: you may use "<>" to concatenate path, e.g.

```
NotebookDirectory[] <> "abc.txt"
```

Load matrix A from plain text file "abc.txt"

Matlab

```
A=load('abc.txt');
```

Mathematica

```
A=Import["abc.txt", "Table"];
```

Generate a meshgrided table

Matlab

```
[ii,jj]=meshgrid(1:n,1:m);A=f(ii,jj)
```

Mathematica

```
A=Table[f[i,j],{i,n},{j,n}]
```

Get high precision numbers

Double to high precision number

```
SetPrecision[1.0/3, 40]
0.3333333333333333314829616256247390992939 5
```

Exact number to high precision number

```
SetPrecision[1/3, 40] == N[1/3, 40]
True
```

Number in specified base (16), with precision (20)

```
16^^FF.F‘20
255.937500000000000000
```

2 Ref

http://reference.wolfram.com/language/guide/ListManipulation.html
Input Syntax
http://reference.wolfram.com/language/tutorial/InputSyntax.html