Language	MATLAB/Octave	Python	R	
Reshaping (rows first)	reshape(1:6,3,2)';	<pre>arange(1,7).reshape(2,-1) a.setshape(2,3)</pre>	matrix(1:6,nrow=3,byrow=T)	$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1&2&3\\4&5&6\end{array}\right]$
Reshaping (columns first)	reshape(1:6,2,3);	arange(1,7).reshape(-1,2).transpose()	matrix(1:6,nrow=2) array(1:6,c(2,3))	$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1&3&5\\2&4&6\end{array}\right]$
Flatten to vector (by rows, like comics)	a'(:)	a.flatten() or	as.vector(t(a))	1 2 3 4 5 6
Flatten to vector (by columns)	a(:)	a.flatten(1)	as.vector(a)	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$
Flatten upper triangle (by columns)	vech(a)		a[row(a) <= col(a)]	