

# MATLAB Commands for Linear Algebra<sup>1</sup>

(Keep as a reference)

**Making vectors:** Unless otherwise specified, variables are row vectors ( $1 \times n$  arrays). Here are examples of ways to form vectors. Try them:

- `b = [1 2 3 4]`
- `b = b'`
- `xx = 0:.1:2`
- `yy = linspace(0,3,13)`

**Making matrices:**

- `A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6]`
- `C = eye(3)`
- `D = ones(4)`
- `E = zeros(5,3)`
- `F = rand(2,3)`
- `G = randn(5)`
- `H = hilb(5)`
- `P = pascal(4)`
- Commands for other speciality matrices include: `gallery`, `hadamard`, `hankel`, `invhilb`, `magic`, `rosser`, `toeplitz`, `vander`, `wilkinson`.

**Basic operations:**

- `B = A'`
- `A*C`
- `C*A` ..... Will not work, C is 3 by 3 and A is 2 by 3.
- `x = P \ b` ..... Solves  $Px=b$ .
- `P*x` ..... Checks the previous command.

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### Some speciality commands

- `[m n] = size(A)`
- `P = pascal(5), p = diag(P)`
- `diag(p)`
- `flipud(A)`
- `fliplr(A)`
- `v = randn(10,1), a = abs(v)`
- `s = sort(v), m = max(v)`
- `norm(v)`
- `norm(eye(4))`
- `D, N = Null(D), D*N`
- `rank(D)`
- `det(D)`
- `trace(D)`
- `inv(G), N*G, G*N`
- `cond(H)`

### Some matrix decompositions:

- `[L U P] = lu(G)`
- `[V m] = eig(G)`
- `[U T] = schur(G)`
- `[Q R] = qr(G)`
- `[U S V] = svd(G)`