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Description

These functions mirror Stata's date functions; see [D] [Datetime](#).

Syntax

```
tc = clock(strdatetime, pattern [, year])
```

```
tc = mdyhms(month, day, year, hour, minute, second)
```

```
tc = dhms(td, hour, minute, second)
```

```
tc = hms(hour, minute, second)
```

```
hour = hh(tc)
```

```
minute = mm(tc)
```

```
second = ss(tc)
```

```
td = dof(tc)
```

```
tC = Cofc(tc)
```

```
tC = Clock(strdatetime, pattern [, year])
```

```
tC = Cmdyhms(month, day, year, hour, minute, second)
```

```
tC = Cdhms(td, hour, minute, second)
```

```
tC = Chms(hour, minute, second)
```

```
hour = hhC(tC)
```

```
minute = mmC(tC)
```

```
second = ssC(tC)
```

```
td = dofC(tC)
```

```
tc = cofC(tC)
```

```
td = date(strdate, dpattern [, year])
```

```
td = mdy(month, day, year)
```

```
td = dmy(day, month, year)
```

```
tw = yw(year, week)
```

```
tm = ym(year, month)
```

```
tq = yq(year, quarter)
```

```
th = yh(year, half)
```

```
tc = cofd(td)
```

```
tC = Cofd(td)
```

```
td = dofb(tb, "calendar")
```

```
tb = bofd("calendar", td)
```

```
month = month(td)
```

```
day = day(td)
```

```
year = year(td)
```

```
week = week(td)
```

```
quarter = quarter(td)
```

```
half = halfyear(td)
```

```
dayofyear = doy(td)
```

```
dayofweek = dow(td)
```

```
ty = yearly(strydate, ypattern [, year])
```

```
ty = yofd(td)
```

```
td = dofy(ty)
```

```
th = halfyearly(strhdate, hpattern [, year])
```

```
th = hofd(td)
```

```
td = dofh(th)
```

```
tq = quarterly(strqdate, qpattern [, year])
```

```
tq = qofd(td)
```

```
td = dofq(tq)
```

```
tm = monthly(strmdate, mpattern [, year])
```

```
tm = mofd(td)
```

```
td = dofM(tm)
```

```
tw = weekly(strwdate, wpattern [, year])
```

```
tw = wofd(td)
```

```
td = dof(tw)
```

```
hours = hours(ms)
```

```
minutes = minutes(ms)
```

```
seconds = seconds(ms)
```

```
ms = msofhours(hours)
```

```
ms = msofminutes(minutes)
```

```
ms = msofseconds(seconds)
```

```
int = age(td, td [, strleapday])
```

```
real = age_frac(td, td [, strleapday])
```

```
int = Clockdiff(tC, tC, strtimeunit)
```

```
int = clockdiff(tc, tc, strtimeunit)
```

```
real = Clockdiff_frac(tC, tC, strtimeunit)
```

```
real = clockdiff_frac(tc, tc, strtimeunit)
```

```
int = datediff(td, td, strtimeunit [, strleapday])
```

```
real = datediff_frac(td, td, strtimeunit [, strleapday])
```

```
td = birthday(td, year [, strleapday])
```

```
td = previousbirthday(td, td [, strleapday])
```

```
td = nextbirthday(td, td [, strleapday])
```

```
bool = isleapyear(year)
```

```
year = previousleapyear(year)
```

```
year = nextleapyear(year)
```

```
int = daysinmonth(td)
```

```
td = firstdayofmonth(td)
```

```
td = lastdayofmonth(td)
```

```
int = datepart(td, strtimeunit)
int = clockpart(tc, strtimeunit)
int = Clockpart(tC, strtimeunit)
bool = isleapsecond(tC)
    td = today()
    tc = now()

int = dayssinceweekday(td, dayofweek)
int = dayssincedow(td, dayofweek)
int = daysuntilweekday(td, dayofweek)
int = daysuntildow(td, dayofweek)
td = firstweekdayofmonth(month, year, dayofweek)
td = firstdowofmonth(month, year, dayofweek)
td = lastweekdayofmonth(month, year, dayofweek)
td = lastdowofmonth(month, year, dayofweek)
td = previousweekday(td, dayofweek)
td = previousdow(td, dayofweek)
td = nextweekday(td, dayofweek)
td = nextdow(td, dayofweek)
```

where

<i>tc</i> :	number of milliseconds from 01jan1960 00:00:00.000, unadjusted for leap seconds
<i>tC</i> :	number of milliseconds from 01jan1960 00:00:00.000, adjusted for leap seconds
<i>strdatetime</i> :	string-format date, time, or date/time, for example, "15jan1992", "1/15/1992", "15-1-1992", "January 15, 1992", "9:15", "13:42", "1:42 p.m.", "1:42:15.002 pm", "15jan1992 9:15", "1/15/1992 13:42", "15-1-1992 1:42 p.m.", "January 15, 1992 1:42:15.002 pm"
<i>pattern</i> :	order of month, day, year, hour, minute, and seconds in <i>strdatetime</i> , plus optional default century, for example, "DMYhms" (meaning day, month, year, hour, minute, second), "DMYhm", "MDYhm", "hmMDY", "hms", "hm", "MDY", "MD19Y", "MDY20Yhm"

<i>td</i> :	number of days from 01jan1960
<i>tb</i> :	business date (days)
<i>calendar</i> :	string scalar containing calendar name or %tb format
<i>strdate</i> :	string-format date, for example, "15jan1992", "1/15/1992", "15-1-1992", "January 15, 1992"
<i>dpattern</i> :	order of month, day, and year in <i>strdate</i> , plus optional default century, for example, "DMY" (meaning day, month, year), "MDY", "MD19Y"
<i>hour</i> :	hour, 0–23
<i>minute</i> :	minute, 0–59
<i>second</i> :	second, 0.000–59.999 (maximum 60.999 in case of leap second)
<i>month</i> :	month number, 1–12
<i>day</i> :	day-of-month number, 1–31
<i>year</i> :	year, for example, 1942, 1995, 2008
<i>week</i> :	week within year, 1–52
<i>quarter</i> :	quarter within year, 1–4
<i>half</i> :	half within year, 1–2
<i>dayofyear</i> :	day of year, 1–366
<i>dayofweek</i> :	day of week, 0–6 (0=Sunday, 1=Monday, . . . , 6=Saturday); alternatively, when used as an argument, strings with the first two or more letters of the day of week (case insensitive)
<i>ty</i> :	calendar year
<i>strydate</i> :	string-format calendar year, for example, "1980", "80"
<i>ypattern</i> :	pattern of <i>strydate</i> , for example, "Y", "19Y"
<i>th</i> :	number of halves from 1960h1
<i>strhdate</i> :	string-format <i>hdate</i> , for example, "1982-1", "1982h2", "2 1982"
<i>hpattern</i> :	pattern of <i>strhdate</i> , for example, "YH", "19YH", "HY"
<i>tq</i> :	number of quarters from 1960q1
<i>strqdate</i> :	string-format <i>qdate</i> , for example, "1982-3", "1982q2", "3 1982"
<i>qpattern</i> :	pattern of <i>strqdate</i> , for example, "YQ", "19YQ", "QY"
<i>tm</i> :	number of months from 1960m1
<i>strmdate</i> :	string-format <i>mdate</i> , for example, "1982-3", "1982m2", "3/1982"
<i>mpattern</i> :	pattern of <i>strmdate</i> , for example, "YM", "19YM", "MR"

tw: number of weeks from 1960w1
strwdate: string-format *wdate*, for example, "1982-3", "1982w2", "1982-15"
wpattern: pattern of *strwdate*, for example, "YW", "19YW", "WY"

hours: interval of time in hours (positive or negative, real)
minutes: interval of time in minutes (positive or negative, real)
seconds: interval of time in seconds (positive or negative, real)
ms: interval of time in milliseconds (positive or negative, integer)
int: integer value
real: real value
bool: Boolean logic value, 0 (false) or 1 (true)
strleapday: string-format nonleap-year anniversary for 29feb, for example, "feb28", "28feb", "mar01", "mar1", "1mar"
strtimeunit: string-format unit of time, for example, "year", "y", "month", "mon", "m", "day", "d", "hour", "h", "minute", "min", "second", "s", "millisecond", "ms"

Functions return an element-by-element result. Functions are usually used with scalars.

All variables are *real matrix* except the *str** and **pattern* variables, which are *string matrix*.

Conformability

`clock(strdatetime, pattern, year)`, `Clock(strdatetime, pattern, year)`:

strdatetime: $r_1 \times c_1$
pattern: $r_2 \times c_2$ (c-conformable with *strdatetime*)
year: $r_3 \times c_3$ (optional, c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

`mdyhms(month, day, year, hour, minute, second)`,

`Cmdyhms(month, day, year, hour, minute, second)`:

month: $r_1 \times c_1$
day: $r_2 \times c_2$
year: $r_3 \times c_3$
hour: $r_4 \times c_4$
minute: $r_5 \times c_5$
second: $r_6 \times c_6$ (all variables c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5, r_6) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6)$

`hms(hour, minute, second)`, `Chms(hour, minute, second)`:

hour: $r_1 \times c_1$
minute: $r_2 \times c_2$
second: $r_3 \times c_3$
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

dhms(*td*, *hour*, *minute*, *second*), Cdhms(*td*, *hour*, *minute*, *second*):

td: $r_1 \times c_1$
hour: $r_2 \times c_2$
minute: $r_3 \times c_3$
second: $r_4 \times c_4$ (all variables c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4)$

hh(*x*), mm(*x*), ss(*x*), hhC(*x*), mmC(*x*), ssC(*x*):

x: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

date(*strdate*, *dpattern*, *year*):

strdate: $r_1 \times c_1$
dpattern: $r_2 \times c_2$ (c-conformable with *strdate*)
year: $r_3 \times c_3$ (optional, c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

mdy(*month*, *day*, *year*), dmy(*day*, *month*, *year*):

month: $r_1 \times c_1$
day: $r_2 \times c_2$
year: $r_3 \times c_3$ (all variables c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

yw(*year*, *detail*), ym(*year*, *detail*), yq(*year*, *detail*), yh(*year*, *detail*):

year: $r_1 \times c_1$
detail: $r_2 \times c_2$ (c-conformable with *year*)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2) \times \max(c_1, c_2)$

month(*td*), day(*td*), year(*td*), dow(*td*), week(*td*), quarter(*td*), halfyear(*td*), doy(*td*):

td: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

yearly(*str*, *pat*, *year*), halfyearly(*str*, *pat*, *year*), quarterly(*str*, *pat*, *year*),

monthly(*str*, *pat*, *year*), weekly(*str*, *pat*, *year*):

str: $r_1 \times c_1$
pat: $r_2 \times c_2$ (c-conformable with *str*)
year: $r_3 \times c_3$ (optional, c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

Cofc(*x*), cofC(*x*), dofC(*x*), dofC(*x*), cofd(*x*), Cofd(*x*), yofd(*x*), dofy(*x*), hofd(*x*),
dofh(*x*), qofd(*x*), dofq(*x*), mofd(*x*), dofM(*x*), wofd(*x*), dofW(*x*):

x: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

dofb(*tb*, "calendar"):

tb: $r \times c$
calendar: 1×1
result: $r \times c$

`bofd("calendar", td):`

calendar: 1×1
td: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

`hours(x), minutes(x), seconds(x), mssofhours(x), mssofminutes(x), mssofseconds(x):`

x: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

`age(td1, td2, str), age_frac(td1, td2, str):`

td1: $r_1 \times c_1$
td2: $r_2 \times c_2$ (c-conformable with *td1*)
str: $r_3 \times c_3$ (optional, c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

`datediff(td1, td2, str1, str2), datediff_frac(td1, td2, str1, str2):`

td1: $r_1 \times c_1$
td2: $r_2 \times c_2$
str1: $r_3 \times c_3$ (all variables c-conformable)
str2: $r_4 \times c_4$ (optional, c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4)$

`Clockdiff(tC1, tC2, str), Clockdiff_frac(tC1, tC2, str):`

tC1: $r_1 \times c_1$
tC2: $r_2 \times c_2$
str: $r_3 \times c_3$ (all variables c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

`clockdiff(tc1, tc2, str), clockdiff_frac(tc1, tc2, str):`

tc1: $r_1 \times c_1$
tc2: $r_2 \times c_2$
str: $r_3 \times c_3$ (all variables c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

`birthday(td, detail, str), previousbirthday(td, detail, str),
nextbirthday(td, detail, str):`

td: $r_1 \times c_1$
detail: $r_2 \times c_2$ (c-conformable with *td*)
str: $r_3 \times c_3$ (optional, c-conformable)
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

`isleapyear(year), previousleapyear(year), nextleapyear(year):`

year: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

`daysinmonth(td), firstdayofmonth(td), lastdayofmonth(td):`

td: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

Clockpart(*detail*, *str*), clockpart(*detail*, *str*), datepart(*detail*, *str*):

detail: $r_1 \times c_1$
str: $r_2 \times c_2$
result: $\max(r_1, r_2) \times \max(c_1, c_2)$

isleapsecond(*tC*):

tC: $r \times c$
result: $r \times c$

dayssinceweekday(*td*, *dayofweek*), dayssincedow(*td*, *dayofweek*),
 daysuntilweekday(*td*, *dayofweek*), daysuntildow(*td*, *dayofweek*):

td: $r_1 \times c_1$
dayofweek: $r_2 \times c_2$
result: $\max(r_1, r_2) \times \max(c_1, c_2)$

firstweekdayofmonth(*month*, *year*, *dayofweek*),
 firstdowofmonth(*month*, *year*, *dayofweek*),
 lastweekdayofmonth(*month*, *year*, *dayofweek*),
 lastdowofmonth(*month*, *year*, *dayofweek*):

month: $r_1 \times c_1$
year: $r_2 \times c_2$
dayofweek: $r_3 \times c_3$
result: $\max(r_1, r_2, r_3) \times \max(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

previousweekday(*td*, *dayofweek*), previousdow(*td*, *dayofweek*),
 nextweekday(*td*, *dayofweek*), nextdow(*td*, *dayofweek*):

td: $r_1 \times c_1$
dayofweek: $r_2 \times c_2$
result: $\max(r_1, r_2) \times \max(c_1, c_2)$

Diagnostics

None.

Also see

[M-4] [Dates](#) — Date and time functions

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