direxternal() — Obtain list of existing external globals

Syntax

string colvector direxternal(string scalar pattern)

Description

direxternal(pattern) returns a column vector containing the names matching pattern of the existing external globals. direxternal() returns J(0,1,"") if there are no such globals.

pattern is interpreted by [M-5] strmatch().

Remarks and examples

See [M-5] findexternal() for the definition of a global.

A list of all globals can be obtained by direxternal("*").

Conformability

direxternal(pattern):

  pattern:  1 × 1
  result:   n × 1

Diagnostics

direxternal(pattern) returns J(0,1,"") when there are no globals matching pattern.

Also see

[M-5] findexternal() — Find, create, and remove external globals

[M-4] programming — Programming functions