

direxternal() — Obtain list of existing external globals

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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

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

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

Conformability

`direxternal(pattern)`:

<i>pattern</i> :	1×1
<i>result</i> :	$n \times 1$

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