

**I()** — Identity matrix

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## Syntax

*real matrix* `I(real scalar  $n$ )`

*real matrix* `I(real scalar  $m$ , real scalar  $n$ )`

## Description

`I( $n$ )` returns the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.

`I( $m$ ,  $n$ )` returns an  $m \times n$  matrix with 1s down its principal diagonal and 0s elsewhere.

## Remarks and examples

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`I()` must be typed in uppercase.

## Conformability

`I( $n$ )`:

*n*:  $1 \times 1$   
*result*:  $n \times n$

`I( $m$ ,  $n$ )`:

*m*:  $1 \times 1$   
*n*:  $1 \times 1$   
*result*:  $m \times n$

## Diagnostics

`I( $n$ )` aborts with error if  $n$  is less than 0 or is missing.  $n$  is interpreted as `trunc( $n$ )`.

`I( $m$ ,  $n$ )` aborts with error if  $m$  or  $n$  are less than 0 or if they are missing.  $m$  and  $n$  are interpreted as `trunc( $m$ )` and `trunc( $n$ )`.

## Also see

[M-4] [standard](#) — Functions to create standard matrices