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direxternal( ) — Obtain list of existing external globals

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`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( )**.

Syntax

string colvector `direxternal(`*string scalar pattern*`)`

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*`)`:

pattern:	1×1
result:	$n \times 1$

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